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Firemen work hard to extinguish a large brush fire in San Antonio last Friday afternoon. The fire was first reported by residents around 4:30pm and firemen arrived at the scene around 4:45pm. The firemen were later aided by first responders around 5:30pm.

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USCIS reaches CW-1 cap

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» Admin to continue efforts to address labor issues

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres plans to continue pushing for the recommendations his office made to Washington, D.C. officials regarding the CNMI's labor needs.

Torres emphasize this after the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) cap for fiscal year 2018 was again reached last week, less than five months before the fiscal year actually begins. The fiscal year starts on Oct. 1.

This is the third straight fiscal year that the numerical limit was reached.

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Torres to monitor Trump budget proposal

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they would closely monitor the process of President Trump's budget proposal for the coming fiscal year. The CNMI and other territories—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, along with the Freely Associated States of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands—were allocated $591.9 million in the Trump budget through the Department of the Interior-Office of Insular Affairs.

The Trump budget proposal, however, faces criticisms and is unpopular to some after it made huge cuts in some programs for the poor like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and food stamps, among others.

The Torres administration remains hopeful, as the budget proposal would still go through congressional leaders before it is passed.

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Crane accident smashes van's front

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Rolled up rebars that were loaded on a construction crane for the ongoing construction of Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan fell, smashing the front windshield of a van that was parked behind the ABC Store on Monday afternoon.

The incident did not injure anyone but caused a power outage. Nobody was inside the white Nissan van, which is owned by ABC Store, police said.

The Department of Public Safety released information about the accident only on Friday, a day after Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) disclosed the incident in his Facebook account.

DPS spokesman Sgt. Jason Tarkong said that police were called on Monday at 2:41pm, to entertain a damage property complaint.

When police got there, they saw Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s emergency line crew fixing the power line as there was a power outage.

Tarkong said the ABC manager said he wanted to report that the company's white Nissan van was damaged as a result of rebars fall-

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Breaking airport's secure area lands woman in prison

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A former airport service agent who pleaded guilty to entering a secure area of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport and removing goods from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in 2015 was sentenced Friday to 30 days in prison.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Jingbo Chen, also known as Jingbo San Nicolas or Kim, to be placed on one year of supervised release.

Manglona also ordered the 43-year-old Navy Hill resident to pay a $2,000 fine and a $100 assessment fee.

The indictment, filed in court in August 2016, charged Chen with one count of removing goods from Customs custody and one count of entering a secure area at an airport by false pretenses. Chen pleaded guilty last October to the latter.

According to the indictment, Chen removed baggage in the custody and control of U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Sept. 15, 2015. Chen then entered a secure area at the airport.

The investigation revealed that Chen, then an airport service agent for Pacific Oriental Inc., went to the airport in her uniform although it was her dayoff and lied so she could enter a secure area of the airport. Chen then received a bag from an arriving passenger and took it with her through an access door before it could be inspected by CNMI Customs.

The investigation was conducted by Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, with the aid of officers from CNMI Customs and the CNMI Department of Public Safety.

At the sentencing, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe recommended a 30-day prison sentence and a $2,000 fine. He said this is necessary to punish Chen.

"It is also necessary to send a message to others that airport security and import controls are taken seriously in the Commonwealth and that efforts to evade them will be met with stiff consequences," Backe said.

Backe said the truth of what the item was and why Chen took such a huge risk to smuggle it is likely something much different.

Backe said that although Chen claims she owned a fashion store from 2014 to 2015, which she purchased for only $10,000, bank records from around the time of the smuggling incident show that the company and Chen were engaging in extremely unusual and suspicious activity.

In fact, Backe said, on the day in question—Sept. 14, 2015—$7,900 in cash was deposited into the A.J. Fashion account in Guam and Chen withdrew $10,000 from it on Saipan.

Backe said the U.S. government has admittedly not determined the exact nature or purpose of these transactions; indeed, the possibility exists these transactions are fully proper and legal.

Therefore, he said, these records are being offered solely to refute Chen's continued and ridiculous insistence that she was only "helping an arriving passenger and carrying fruit for her pregnant acquaintance."

Defense counsel Bruce Berline recommended a one-year probation sentence, saying Chen made a one-time mistake.

Berline said Chen has paid for it dearly, and it will stay with her forever in the form of a criminal record.

"A prison sentence is not necessary to deter her or to send a message to the community in any fashion," he said.

Chen is a full-time, single mother of two, works two jobs, and has no prior convictions. She has been on Saipan for over 20 years.

Berline said Chen knew she was not supposed to enter the secure area of the airport without authorization and that she should not remove anything from the Customs area.

Berline said Chen, however, did not see the harm in helping an arriving Chinese passenger and carrying fruit for her pregnant acquaintance.

Chen in a statement disclosed that a Chinese pregnant woman, whom she met at DFS in Garapan, asked for help as her husband was arriving on Saipan soon and could not speak English well.

The pregnant woman apparently mentioned that her husband was going to try and bring some fruit for her that she had been craving badly during her pregnancy.

Chen said that at the airport, she met her friend's husband and assisted him in translating to CBP officers.

She said the husband handed her a handbag, which she believed contained fruits.

Chen said she took the handbag as she exited the airport before the CNMI Customs area.

Chen said she brought the handbag to POI's office, where she left it to meet with her friend's husband as he exited the airport with his luggage.

Chen said she then drove the husband to his wife, who resided behind the "360 Building in Susupe." The defendant was referring to 360 Restaurant located at the Marianas Business Plaza.

Chen said she did not receive anything of value or money for assisting her friend's husband.

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Tourism Month Trivia

What is the English Facebook page of the Marianas Visitors Authority called? What is the newest signature event of the MVA, held on March 8, 2017? So far this fiscal year, visitors from which country comprise the largest percentage of visitors to the Northern Marianas?

These are just some of the questions the MVA and local radio stations have challenged listeners this part. As part of May Tourism Month, listeners have been invited to call in with the correct answers to win Tourism Month t-shirts and tokens for the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. Partnering with the MVA this year have been KCNM-KZMI, KKMP, KWAW and Power 99.

So do you know the correct answers to these questions?

The English Facebook page of the MVA is "My Marianas." The MVA also have language specific social media outlets in its major off-shore markets, including China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Russia, and more.

The newest signature event of the MVA is IRONMAN 70.3 Saipan. This past March, this event attracted nearly 200 athletes from all around the world, and it is an internationally-recognized brand.

And so far this fiscal year, most visitors to the Northern Marianas are arriving from Korea.

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'Assess casino construction's progress'

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It should be officials of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC that regularly meets to discuss the progress of its multi-million dollar casino-hotel project. Commonwealth Casino Commission vice chair Joseph Reyes stressed this in reminding that the commission only acts as a regulator and a guide.

"They should be discussing all of this and plan ahead as to what to do, if the contractor would change or stay. I recommend they should make a total assessment whether they would meet the timelines that are in place," said Reyes.

"[They] need to provide details of the project and the progress report based on the timelines. If they would let us know exactly where they are at right now."

Reyes said the commission needs to know the phases of project that have been completed before they could allow the casino to begin operations.

In his opinion, the 14-storey project is likely 30 to 35 percent complete. "The progress report is a decision between them and the contractor. It depends on the contracts that they have."

Reyes said that based on the schedule IPI has provided, piling is done at 100 percent, but the commission still wants to know the progress of the rest of the work. "[For example] if you are going to build a $100,000 sewer system and you have only completed 30 percent, what is that 30 percent? The foundation or the walls?"

"You have a schedule when it would start and when it will be finished. That's how you track your money. If you follow the architecture/engineering formula design, it is clear and tells you what needs to be done."

He said IPI needs to work within the extension period given them. "This is a $500-million project. What have they completed versus what was projected and how much has already been spent?"

"They just got an extension. They have to work on the extension period given. Otherwise, I don't know if they are entitled to liquidated damages."

Reyes said the commission is also concerned with the license agreement since it would affect everybody. "It would affect the government, the people, and the community at large. It is also part of our job to see this project come to fruition."

US govt wants $48K seized in drug raid forfeited

The U.S. government is seeking the forfeiture of $48,087 that was seized from the C.K. Dress Shop, which was used as front for selling illegal drugs.

The dress shop's manager, Hong Xia Shao Ayuyu, 46, pleaded guilty last February in Superior Court to two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance. Ayuyu's sentencing will be on Aug. 2, 2017 at 9am.

Last Thursday, the U.S. government filed in federal court a complaint for forfeiture.

According to U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI Shawn N. Anderson, on Nov. 12, 2016, a CNMI Superior Court search warrant was executed at the C.K. Dress Shop and about 34.5 gross grams of methamphetamine or "ice" and $48,087 was found.

Anderson said that Ayuyu had disclosed selling "ice" since March 2016. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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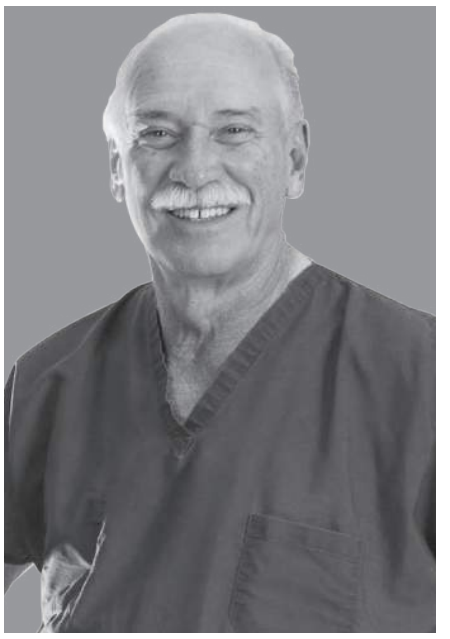
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TORRES

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"This proposal will go through the legislative process where the representatives of the U.S. territories and commonwealths will be given opportunity to emphasize and reiterate the needs of our islands," Torres said in a statement.

Torres said the process would ensure that insular areas won't be left out. "This process ensures that the proposal is balanced and well represented while ensuring that the needs of the various insular areas are met."

"The administration will closely monitor the progress of this proposal as it goes through the budgetary process."

The Trump budget is not all about cuts. The Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs would be getting 10.1 and 5.8 percent increase, respectively. DoD's budget would increase from $521.8 billion to $574.5 billion while the VA's would go from $74.5 billion to $78.8 billion. The Department of Homeland Security also got a 6.7-percent increase, including $2.6 billion for border security.

Cuts to impact NMI

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said the CNMI would lose close to $6 million in grants and assistance if Trump's budget pushes through. A total of $54 billion is also being proposed to be cut from other federal programs.

The Interior Department's technical assistance grants would be cut by $2 million, while $3 million will be taken from Maintenance Assistance, $304,000 from the Coral Reef Initiative, and $660,000 from Empowering Insular Communities.

"President Trump submitted a fiscal year 2018 budget to Congress [last week] cutting $54 billion from programs that help American working families, hospitals, law enforcement, schools, and infrastructure," said Sablan.

The DoD, however, would get more, with the military having an additional $12.9 million for the U.S. Air Force's leasing 142 hectares of land on Tinian for its divert project.

The Community Development Block Grants, used by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. to help resurface the Oleai track oval, is proposed to be eliminated. That would cost the CNMI $984,846 while all outlying areas would lose $94 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants.

OIA's budget request

The OIA is requesting $507.6 million in mandatory funding, including $84.3 million in discretionary appropriations. The OIA would also be receiving $123.9 million in discretionary funding from the DoD if the budget pushes through.

The DoD appropriations transfer is to support the 2010 Compact Review Agreement between the United States and Palau.

$3.6T in cuts

Trump's budget proposal reportedly has close to $3.6 trillion in cuts, including $610 billion in Medicaid aside from the $880 billion already in the GOP's Obamacare repeal bill. Social programs like SNAP, CHIP, food stamps, welfare, and disability insurance would get more than $280 billion in cuts.

The earned income tax and child tax credit, used as a safety net by poor people, would be reduced by $40.4 billion while another $21.6 billion would be cut from the temporary assistance for needy families.

Trump's budget proposes 31.4 percent in cuts for the Environmental Protection Agency ($8.2 billion to $5.7 billion), the State Department would be getting $28.2 billion or a 29.1-percent decrease from $39.7 billion the previous fiscal year.

Other agencies that are also being eyed for cuts are Housing and Urban Development ($40.7 billion from $46.9 billion), Labor ($9.7 billion from $12.1 billion), Transportation ($16.2 billion from $18.6 billion), Interior ($11.7 billion from $13.2 billion), Education ($59 billion from $68.2 billion), Justice ($27.7 billion from $28.8 billion), and U.S. Corps of Engineers ($5 billion from $6 billion).

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TanHoldings Corp. donated $5,000 to the Governor's Tournament of Champions. The tournament was held this past weekend at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. From left, Marida Pensader, TOC committee member; Amanda Ramon, TOC committee member; Dave Sablan, TSL corporate consultant; Marie Sablan, TOC committee member; and Raymond Zapanta, TSL assistant manager.

CRANE

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ing on it.

Police investigation showed that a crane was moving a bunch of rolled up rebars at the construction site. As the crane was pulling up, the rebars swung into the van, smashing the front windshield. The hood was also slightly damaged.

Tarkong said the cable line touched the electric line, causing the power shutdown in Garapan.

Tarkong said he has no in-

USCIS

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced on May 25 that they had already received an enough number of CW-1 petitions—the 12,998 numerical limit—for transitional workers for the coming fiscal year. USCIS has yet to release the FY 2018 cap as required by law, which would be less than 12,998.

In a statement, Torres, said that reaching the CW-1 cap for the next fiscal year has a big impact on the CNMI's economy.

"The administration would like to reiterate and emphasize that reaching the USCIS CW cap will affect critical developments to the CNMI economy."

"Ongoing efforts with federal counterparts to mediate labor shortages are needed immediately to continue the growth of the [CNMI] economy and provide jobs to our residents."

Torres has previously suggested that the CNMI be included in the whole CW-1 process of controlling the allocation of the numbers, from the submission of the workers' petition to the granting of either a renewal or the new application.

"In late October, along with the business community and in dialogues during 902 talks, the administration continues to work with [Delegate Gregorio] Kilili [C. Sablan] (Ind-MP) and USCIS to alleviate the economic and humanitarian consequences that will arise and continue to until our federal partners allow for needed legislation to be enacted."

"Until we get some level of control in this process, the cap will be consistently reached, limiting labor for the existing economy and affecting our long-term guest workers," Torres added.

Being capped out means that workers whose petitions have not been accepted and approved by USCIS will have to leave the Commonwealth and await the adjudication of their petitions in their home countries.

The CW-1 visa program has one fiscal year left; it is scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2019.

In a report released on May 19, the U.S Government Accountability Office stated that ending the program would have a negative impact on the CNMI economy.

Torres said they would continue to monitor the current situation and prepare for the effects of the recent development. "We will exhaust all possible options until our recommendations are heard and labor needs have been addressed. We will continue to provide updates as we monitor the effects of this announcement closely."

Situation justifies GAO report

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) echoed the same sentiment, adding that the cap being reached early justifies the GAO's report that the CNMI would still need foreign workers, especially with Saipan continuing to improve its economy.

"Reaching the cap again this early only justifies what the GAO concluded, that our economy is growing but such growth cannot be achieved without foreign labor workers to support the limited number of U.S. citizen workers available in the CNMI," said Demapan.

Economic activity has yet to improve on Tinian and Rota. There are projects lined up for both islands but they have yet to start.

He added the situation has a domino effect in the community. "This drastically affects businesses because as long as they don't have the workforce they need, our economy cannot grow. And if our economy can't grow, essential public services are compromised."

Demapan said the CNMI relies on a robust economy that translates to more revenues for the government so it could deliver basic services like paying the retirees' pensions, providing funds for medical referrals, hiring more law enforcement personnel, and investing in education.

He added that a long-term solution is needed for the CNMI's workforce issues since House Resolution 339, reintroduced by Sablan in the 115th Congress, only provides short-term relief.

"This is exactly why I was very concerned that HR 339 was only limited to [fiscal year] 2017 when we know fully well that the same challenges will arise in [fiscal year] 2018. That day has come, four months before [fiscal year] 2018 even begins," Demapan said.

Use other work visas

Sablan again reminded employers to avail of other visa classifications that will allow them to keep their foreign laborers. He also encouraged businesses to continue hiring and training U.S. eligible workers.

"[USCIS] informed me that it has received enough CW-1 petitions to reach the cap on the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker visas for [fiscal year] 2018, which begins on Oct. 1," said Sablan.

"This announcement once again reminds us that we must make every effort to recruit, train, and hire U.S. workers, help existing foreign workers adjust their status so they can remain in the Marianas, and use other worker visas, such as the unlimited H-2B visa, to provide the labor our economy needs."

He added USCIS would continue to reduce the numerical cap until the program ends in 2019. "Although the [fiscal year] 2018 cap has not yet been set by law, it must be less than the 12,998 workers permitted for [fiscal year] 2017."

"So even applications received before May 25 may not be issued CW-1 permits. The law currently requires the CW program to end in 2019," he added.

USCIS to provide more info

USCIS said they would issue more information in the coming days to provide guidance to all employers and their CW-1 workers. "We will issue subsequent guidance when the [fiscal year] 2018 cap is set and when we are able to announce the final receipt date."

"Because the final receipt date will depend on the [fiscal year] 2018 cap, it is also possible that USCIS will not accept some petitions received on or before May 25, 2017," USCIS added in a statement last week.

They said they would reject all CW-1 petitions that they received on or after May 26 that requests an employment start date before Oct. 1, 2018. "We will reject CW-1 petitions we received on or after May 26, 2017, that request an employment start date before Oct. 1, 2018."

This includes CW-1 petitions for extensions of stay that are subject to the CW-1 cap. The filing fees will be returned with any rejected CW-1 petition. "If we reject an extension petition, the beneficiaries listed on that petition are not permitted to work beyond the validity period of the previously approved petition," the statement added.

Affected CW-1 workers and their CW-2 family members must exit the CNMI within 10 days before their CW-1 visa expires. They are allowed to remain in the CNMI if they have other documents that authorize their stay under U.S. immigration laws.

Extension and new employment are the petitions included in the CW-1 numerical limit.

"All CW-1 workers are subject to the cap unless the worker has already been counted toward the cap in the same fiscal year. The U.S. government's fiscal year begins on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30. The CW-1 cap does not apply to CW-2 derivative family members," USCIS added in the statement.

Women learn the ropes of how to be in business

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The president of the Malaysian Spa Association, Datin Jeanette Tambakau, who has won several awards for her work in the industry, keynoted a recent workshop on entrepreneurship that was held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Tambakau said that summits like these are very important. "It is really important these days to empower women," she said. "By doing this, we can accomplish so much more."

Kodep Ogumoro Uludong, who introduced Tambakau, described her as a "visionary leader with multiple awards and accolades in the spa industry."

The Women's Affairs Office and the CNMI Women's Association hosted the May 18 workshop to empower women and encourage them to become entrepreneurs.

CWA administrator Felicidad Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune* that the association's vision is for the women of the Commonwealth to be a part of the development of the CNMI by encouraging them to get into the world of entrepreneurship.

The workshop's theme was "Empowering Women Entrepreneurs to Succeed"; the workshop consisted of two panel discussions. The first panel consisted of eight women panelists who have succeeded in becoming entrepreneurs. These entrepreneurs shared their stories to inspire other women to consider entrepreneurship.

The second panel consisted of five panelists who currently work under businesses that provide services for the government. They shared some of their knowledge of how it is like working for a business and especially under government-partnered businesses.

Tambakau shared that networking is a requirement if one is to succeed in becoming an entrepreneur. "It is also very important that women have good networking because through networking, we can actually help and support one another so much more," she said.

Entrepreneurship isn't just about gaining wealth and starting your own business. According to Tambakau, entrepreneurship is offering a helping hand and being an inspiration to others.

Whoever is interested in joining the world of entrepreneurship, the best way to entice consumers is to find a need that no one has filled and to always aim to touch the hearts of people who will consume your product or will pay for the service that the business provides, she said.

"It's all about people-to-people relationships," said Tambakau.

Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune* that the community should be expecting more workshops from the CWA and the Women's Affairs Office.

Ogumoro and her team aims to reach out and empower young women next and encourage them to strive to become part of the economy's growing workforce.

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Man, 56, found guilty of raping student

The Superior Court handed down Friday a guilty verdict against a 56-year-old man who raped a then-18-year-old student in the jungle near the Saipan airport in February 2016.

After less than three hours of deliberation, the six jurors reached a unanimous verdict, finding John Santos Aldan guilty of sexual assault in the first degree.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, who presided and decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found Aldan guilty of disturbing the peace. Aldan will be sentenced on Aug. 22, 2017.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig and assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit, counsel for Aldan, declined to comment on the verdict.

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio later praised the victim for being "exceptionally courageous and brave to come forward" and give her story.

Additionally, Tenorio thanked the Department of Public Safety officers.

Tenorio said the government will recommend a maximum sentence of 30 years and six months imprisonment for Aldan.

It was Tenorio's first trial in the CNMI. She is from Guam and has been on Saipan for just a couple of months.

"I'm not happy about a guilty verdict. I'm happy about justice," she said.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Glass Jr. assisted Tenorio during the trial.

The victim's father thanked Tenorio and her team for a "well done job."

The trial began last May 22. The prosecution called 11 witnesses, including the victim. The defense called a DNA expert.

Aldan is a retired Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power plant operator.

The victim told police that Aldan picked her up from school on Feb. 8, 2016. Instead of taking the usual route, Aldan drove her to a jungle area by the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport and raped her inside his red Toyota T100 pickup truck. She later told her mother about the incident. Her mother then called the police. Aldan was arrested the following day, Feb. 9. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

SNILD passes bill appropriating $393K

An appropriations bill seeks to allocate $393,279 to fund several Saipan projects. The bill, House Local Bill 20-1, D3, recently passed the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and now heads to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for his signature.

The bill is funded by money from the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for Saipan and the Northern Islands. The Commonwealth Development Authority identified the money that became available for appropriation.

The money is divided equally among the five Saipan precincts, each one getting $78,655.80.

Precinct 1 would use the money to fund a drainage project in As Lito and Lower Dandan while Precinct 2 would restore and renovate the San Isidro Beach Park.

Precinct 3 will divide the money to fund two projects: $50,000 for the water drainage/catchment system in Oleai near San Jose Church, and $28,655.80 to upgrade the sewer system in Garapan near the American Memorial Park. The area is in Micro Beach Road heading toward Navy Hill.

Precinct 4 also split their appropriated fund, with $46,655.80 intended for the storm drainage in the Tanapag Homestead area, while $30,000 is for the repair of Gera Lane in As Matuis.

Precinct 5 would use its $78,655.80 to pave and repair the drainage system in Palu Place and West Laulau Bay Drive in San Vicente.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Atta (Ind-Saipan). ***(Jon Perez)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-030

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, mechanical lift system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **May 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-030 –Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 30, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth P.E. CUC Water-Wastewater Senior Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-032

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting September 01, 2017 through August 30, 2020.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-032, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation"* to the **CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building**, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **June 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contract may be subject to the approval CPUC and will not be effective until receipt of such approval.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 5, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. , CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email antonio.castro@cucgov.org.

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INVITATION FOR BID
ITBI 7-GOV-133 Department of Public Safety
Smiling Cove Facility and Impound Lot Facility Repairs and Renovations
FEMA DR-4235-MP PA PW 52

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance Program are soliciting sealed bids for the repair and renovation of the Department of Public Safety Smiling Cove Facility in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available May 15, 2017, at the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be present when obtaining a project package. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit for this project on June 5, 2017, at 9:00 am ChST at the DPS Smiling Cove Facility in Garapan, Saipan and the Impound Lot Facility in Lower Base, Saipan, immediately after. Questions concerning this project shal1 be directed to Patrick C. Guerrero in writing on or before June 9, 2017 to the Public Assistance Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, by email to: patrickguerrero.pa@gmail.com, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked *ITBI 7-GOV-133 Department of Public Safety Smiling Cove Facility and Impound Lot Facility Repairs and Renovations*. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:30 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 16, 2017, and the bid documents must be received no later than June 30, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 130l , Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at *9:00 a.m. ChSTJuly 3, 2017*. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at *10:30 a.m. ChST June 16, 2017*.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
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Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

Philippine passports ready for pickup

Over 400 Philippine passports are now ready for pickup at the new office of the Philippines' honorary consul to the Commonwealth.

Filipino citizens who applied to renew their passports last March through the Philippine consular outreach may pick up their renewed passports starting today, May 29, through Friday, June 2, from 9am to 5pm, at the new office, on the second floor of Building D at the Finasisu Terraces (top of New Finasisu minimart). The office will be closed from 12pm to 1pm daily.

Filipinos who wish to pick up their renewed passports are required to bring their old passports and their receipt.

For additional information, call the Philippine Consulate General support office at 233-6293. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Child seat, seatbelt checkpoints set

SAIPAN

The Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol will be conducting occupant protection and child restraint on May 30. The first checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Chalan Laulau to Beach Road, San Antonio from 9am to 11am. The second checkpoint will be from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Dandan from 12pm to 2pm. Police will also be conducting laser speed enforcement along various highways. ***(PR)***

ROTA

The Department of Public Safety's Rota Highway Patrol Section will be conducting seatbelt/child seat restraint checkpoints.

Today, May 29, 2017, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am at the San Francisco highway Tatgua area. The second setup is from 6pm to 7:15pm, along the San Francisco highway Tatachog area.

On June 2, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am at the San Francisco highway Tatachog area. The second setup from 6pm to 7:15pm is at the San Francisco highway Sonton area.

On June 3, the first setup is from 6am to 7:15am along the San Francisco highway Lotgan area. The second setup from 6pm to 7:15pm will be along the San Francisco highway by Teteto beach.

In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement. ***(PR)***

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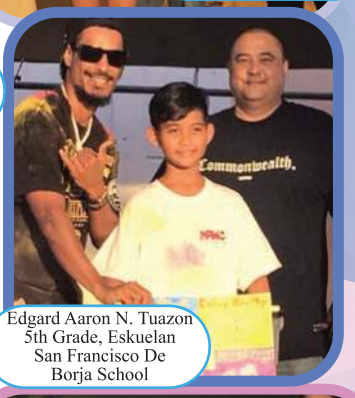

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Guma Sakman opening, canoe launch on June 3

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Photo shows an almost completed canoe in New Zealand.

500 Sails will open the Guma Sakman (canoe house) in June, together with the launch of its first sailing canoe, the Chamorro *sakman* called *Neni*.

Both celebrations will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 1pm to 5pm at the Guma Sakman, on the beach directly across the Marianas High School in Susupe. The Guma Sakman is the newly renovated former 4-H building, located next to where the Sabalu Market is held on Saturday mornings.

The grand opening is a great opportunity to have some fun, watch traditional dancers, listen to local music, and mix with the growing community of people involved in traditional maritime activities on and in the water. Parking is easy, or if you're paddling in, there is plenty of room for your canoe or kayak on the beach. Tank swimmers are encouraged to bring goggles and bright swim caps.

The public is invited the public to join the festivities.

For more information contact Pete Perez, 500 Sails executive director, at pperez@500Sails.org or visit the 500 Sails website at http://www.500Sails.org or our Facebook page at https://www.facebook. ***(PR)***

BankGuam declares Q2 dividends

BankGuam Holding Co. announced that its board has declared a quarterly cash dividend of $0.10 per share for the holders of its common stock and a dividend payment to the holders of the company's 5.5% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, at its board's regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017. The dividends will be paid on June 30, 2017, to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2017.

BankGuamHolding Co. president and board chair Lou A. Leon Guerrero stated, "I am happy to report that we remain profitable for this quarter, allowing us to provide a return on our shareholder's investment and that the book value for our shares has increased." ***(PR)***

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Pacific partners rescue six Tongan fishermen

HONOLULU—Six Tongan fishermen are safe Friday following a joint rescue effort between the U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime New Zealand, and the Tongan navy.

The men arrived safely at Tongatapu aboard a Tongan naval patrol boat after they were initially located by a U.S. Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules aircrew from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii.

"I'm proud of my crew and how well we represented the United States this past week," said Lt. Cmdr. Michael Koehler, Hercules pilot, Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point. "Two days ago we were in New Zealand at the 2017 Pacific Search and Rescue Conference talking to delegates from Tonga about search and rescue capabilities and today we spotted a disabled vessel 80 miles off of Tonga's shore on night vision goggles without use of the radar. The conference was designed to strengthen relationships and enhance search and rescue interoperability in the Pacific to address rescue situations like this."

U.S. Coast Guard watchstanders at Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu received a request Wednesday afternoon from personnel at Joint Rescue Coordination Center New Zealand to help locate a 40-foot fishing vessel with six fishermen reported overdue on a voyage from Tonumeia Island to Tongatapu with estimated time of arrival of 7pm Tuesday. Members of the community reportedly searched the area around the islands and did not find them, prompting the request for further support.

(U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS AMANDA LEVASSEUR/RELEASED)

Petty Officer 2nd Class Mandi Stevens and Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Parmenter, aviation maintenance technicians from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, prepare a long range deployable drop kit to a disabled vessel approximately 80 miles off Tonga May 25, 2017. The kit includes food and water, a VHF radio and a transponder.

The Hercules crew, due to return to Hawaii from Auckland following participation in the regional search and rescue conference, was diverted from their original mission to respond.

Upon arrival to the search area Wednesday evening, about 80 miles off Tonga, the Hercules crew sighted the fishermen waving a white flag. They released a long range deployable drop kit to the crew of the disabled vessel, which included food and water, a VHF radio, and a transponder. Watchstanders at JRCC Honolulu notified RCC New Zealand personnel of the vessel's position. Due to fuel constraints the Hercules crew was forced to depart the scene to American Samoa for fuel and crew rest.

RCC New Zealand personnel provided the position to the Tongan naval patrol boat crew who used the transponder to successfully re-locate the fishing vessel and rescue all six men. All six fishermen are reportedly in good condition.

The deployable long range drop kit, while not standard across the Coast Guard, is a combination of equipment packaged together as a kit and carried by Air Station Barbers Point Hercules crews for exactly this kind of case. Best practices such as this are the kind of thing shared at the conference to improve response in a region known for vast distances, challenging conditions in remote areas and limited response resources. ***(USCG)***

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EDITORIAL

The harsh budget Americans voted for

Presidential budgets are, by their nature, wish lists. They're a blueprint of an administration's priorities, the first written draft of a president's spoken vision. But they are, in the end, non-binding.

So it is with Donald Trump's proposed $4.1 trillion budget for 2018, which was unveiled Tuesday last week. Congress will soon have its say on the matter, and it's certain that Democrats and moderate Republicans will recoil from some of the harsh cuts Trump is proposing for domestic programs.

Still, the president and most Republicans in Congress share the core principles behind Trump's proposals. The budget announced is, broadly, the budget that Americans should expect, and for you to think that's good for this country, you have to believe three basic things:

—You have to believe government is doing too much to help struggling Americans. Trump's budget cuts more than $800 billion from Medicaid over the next decade. It makes significant cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program. It cuts $272 billion from all welfare programs, including food stamps. It makes large cuts to the student loan program for low-income families.

The president and Republicans believe such programs encourage dependence on government and discourage people from going out and getting jobs. But the reality is that, in large part, government assistance programs do exactly what they intend: They provide help that's temporary. They reduce child poverty. They encourage work and aspiration.

Can these programs be more efficient? Yes, but gutting them isn't how to get there.

—You have to believe businesses will behave. Trump's budget cuts the Environmental Protection Agency by almost a third. It also predicts $35 billion in savings from loosened financial regulations.

These are not surprising. Republicans have long said that regulations and regulatory agencies prevent markets and industries from flourishing. But as we've seen time and again, too many businesses choose the bottom line over the greater good, and Americans are the ones who endure the consequences. Trump's budget opens the door wider to misbehavior.

—You have to believe in tax cuts. Trump, and Republicans, do. They predict a deep cut in taxes for businesses will help the economy grow at a 3 percent rate, ultimately balancing the budget by 2027. Economists and budget experts, including Ronald Reagan's budget director, David Stockman, say that's wildly optimistic.

History shows why. Studies have shown little to no correlation between tax cuts and sustained economic growth. In fact, research shows boosting spending on programs like food stamps and unemployment had a stronger effect on growth.

Trump's budget does have some highlights. It targets farm subsidies that have long needed closer examination. It invests money in infrastructure, and it proposes a modern

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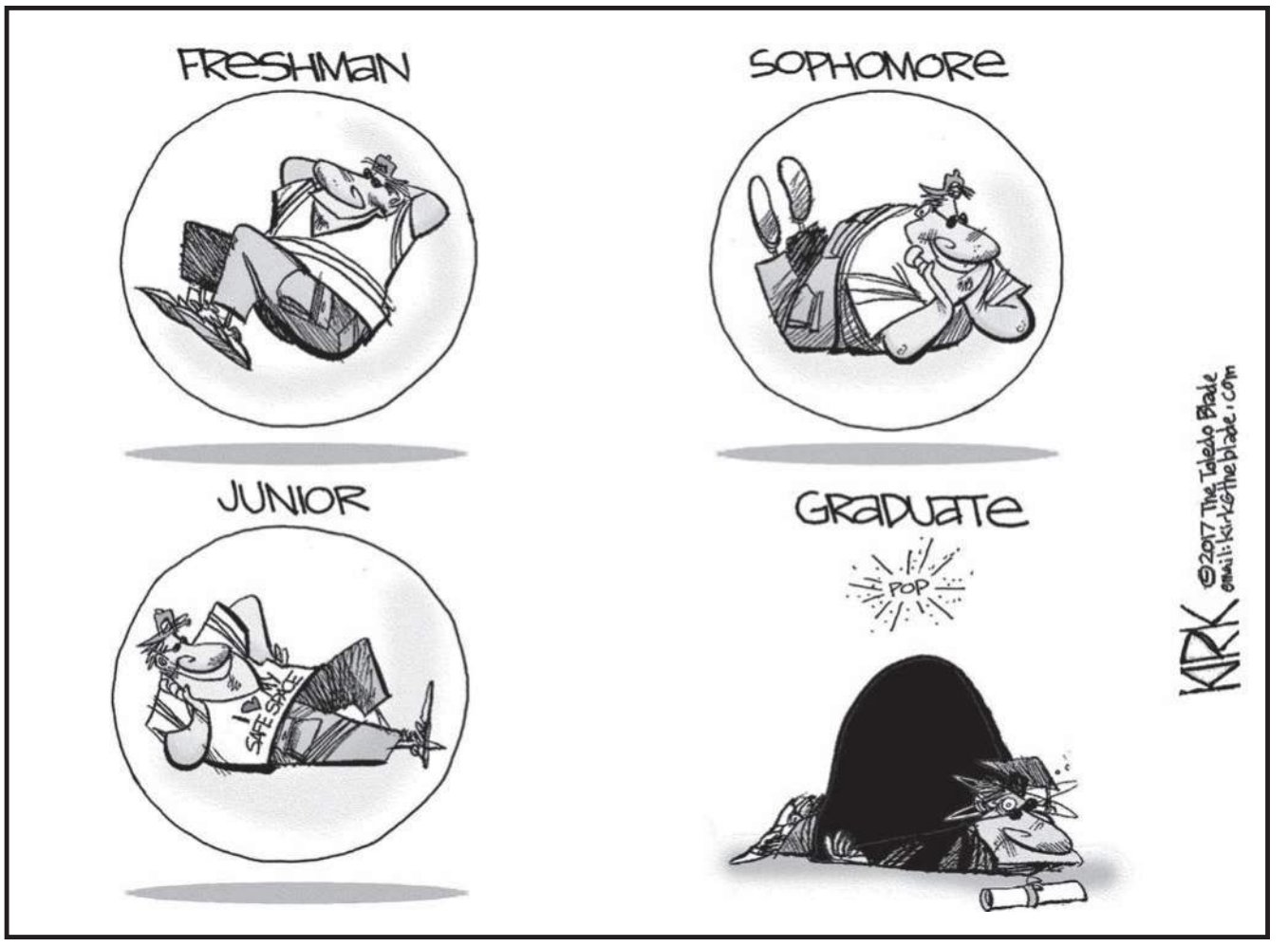

A sorry flip-flop in Riyadh

By LEIF WENAR
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"It's the world's biggest funder of terrorism. Saudi Arabia funnels our petrodollars, our very own money, to fund the terrorists that seek to destroy our people."

So said Donald Trump, private citizen. But then President Trump made Saudi Arabia his very first foreign destination. Trump rode in a golf cart with King Salman, did a traditional sword dance and speechified about America's great friendship with "the Magnificent Kingdom."

What changed Trump's mind? Apparently, $110 billion. That's how much the Saudis announced Saturday that they'll spend to buy advanced American weaponry—one of the biggest arms deals in history.

This weapons deal, the president said, is all about U.S. jobs. Yet how many Americans want to work to arm the country that, as Citizen Trump said, "blew up the World Trade Center"?

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers on 9/11 were Saudis. The 9/11 Commission report found that Saudi society "was a place where al Qaeda raised money directly from individuals and through charities," and that it was likely that "charities with significant Saudi government sponsorship diverted funds to Al Qaeda." Although the Saudis have made some progress in cutting back such support since 2001, massive amounts of funding still go from Saudi Arabia to extremist groups. So Citizen Trump was right: Saudi Arabia still "funnels our petrodollars, our very own money, to fund the terrorists."

Worse, over the last 40 years, even more of "our very own money" has helped the Saudi regime disperse its radical form of Islam by building schools and mosques, and by paying preachers worldwide. It's estimated that the Soviets in their day spent around $7 billion spreading communist ideology while the Saudis have spent ten times that amount—or more—transforming once-tolerant Muslim communities from Pakistan to Paris into wellsprings of extremism. Journalist Peter Maass calls it "the most expensive information campaign ever mounted," in his book on oil, "Crude World."

The Islam that Saudi is spreading is a severe fundamentalism called Salafism. Citizen Trump tried to sum up Salafism by saying that Saudis "want women as slaves and to kill gays." In older Salafist school textbooks that the Saudis disseminated globally, Christians and Jews were compared to "swine" and "apes." A later 12th-grade text explains the religious duty to wage jihad against the infidel to expand the faith. Even recent Saudi textbooks teach the anti-Semitic fable "The Protocol of the Elders of Zion" as history and insist that sorcerers must be killed.

Trump's speech on Sunday rightly decried the horrors of terrorism and urged international unity to resist it. But the "global center for combating extremist ideology" he announced, to be credible, will need to start by combating the Saudi government itself.

Decades of Saudi proselytizing have contributed to violent extremism worldwide. According to William McCants, the director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at the Brookings Institution, most of the groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations by the United States now espouse some version of the Saudis' intolerant faith. And a close look at the Global Terrorism Database shows that the increase in terrorist killings since 2000 is almost entirely due to attacks by violent Salafists—including nearly 3 out of 4 terrorist killings worldwide in the last 10 years.

And it's "our very own money" that's been bankrolling the Saudis in their gigantic ideological campaign. Using U.S. government data, I calculate that America's 125 million households each sent, on average, around $35 to the Saudis last year just by buying gas—and even more if you count what we spent on plastics and other everyday goods made with petroleum.

The irony is that we don't need to buy Saudi oil anymore. Nick Butler, a former vice president at BP, says that the U.S. could end imports of oil from Saudi Arabia (in fact from all authoritarian countries) in a matter of months, and at almost no cost. Instead of selling the Saudis arms, we could stop doing business with the country that still incites radicals who "seek to destroy our people."

The main force behind the weekend's arms deal is King Salman's son, Mohammed bin Salman. This young prince is leading Saudi's war in Yemen, where Saudi attacks on civilians have been flagrant enough to make the United Nations warn of war crimes. In January, Trump joined the Saudis by ordering a failed raid in which a Navy SEAL and 30 Yemini civilians were killed. By giving the young prince this huge arms deal, Trump is doubling-down on U.S. complicity in another disastrous foreign war.

Citizen Trump once accused a Saudi prince of wanting to "control U.S. politicians with daddy's money." A critic might say the same about what Prince Mohammed wants to do to President Trump. Except that the money that lets Saudi Arabia control the president of the United States comes from us, when we pointlessly pay for Saudi oil at the pump.

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Remembering an American hero on Memorial Day

By VINCENT FRALEY
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

One hundred years ago this month, a University of Pennsylvania professor enlisted in the American Expeditionary Forces to serve during the First World War. He would not return. As we mark this year's Memorial Day, consider the story of Ward Wright Pierson.

Born in central Iowa, Pierson put himself through Northwestern University working as a carpenter. A fellowship brought him to Penn, where he earned his doctorate in philosophy.

Pierson worked as Wharton's full professor of business law when President Woodrow Wilson declared war in April 1917. He became one of 80 professors to volunteer for service in the Army or Navy—fully one-tenth of the university's professoriate.

After earning his commission as a captain, Pierson was stationed at Fort Meade, Md. Here he led Company L of the 315th Infantry, known also as "Philadelphia's Own" because so many of its members called the city home.

"Give them good food, plenty of work, a square deal, and a baseball outfit," ran his mantra for keeping up morale during training.

On June 30, 1918, Pierson departed from New York for "over there."

"Here I am leaving all that is dear to me as an individual and facing forth to some awful end far from all that is dear," Pierson wrote aboard a troop transport as he sailed past the Statue of Liberty. "Yet I do so willingly and gladly without the slightest regret buoyed up by the knowledge that what I am doing is right.

"My dear wife has the harder part to fulfill," he continued.

Pierson

"Her courage far exceeds mine."

On July 15, he arrived in France. "Well" was the single word Pierson sent via cablegram to his wife, Harriet, in Somerton.

Pierson was in command of the First Battalion, which saw fighting along the Meuse River northwest of Verdun. He received a battlefield promotion to major in recognition of conspicuous leadership and gallantry in battles near Montfacoun.

In an entry from Oct. 7, Pierson painted a dismal picture of the situation at the front: "This job is no cinch. Men are cold and sick. Officers are not on the job at all. And it takes some big effort to make men come through. I do my best. Angels can do no more."

A month later, on Nov. 9, Pierson was slain by a German shell—two days prior to the signing of the Armistice.

"Ward was standing in the door of a dugout going over some instructions with a sergeant as to the location of a machine gun nest which had troubled the advance of our troops," wrote Capt. D.E. Williams to Pierson's widow. "A high explosive shell burst almost in the door itself and blew the sergeant to pieces and killed Ward more by shock than anything as he was not disfigured."

He was the sixth and last infantry battalion commander of the division to be killed in the war. Pierson was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

"The major took every care of his boys and went as far as to personally examine their shoes to see that none of them would catch cold or suffer unnecessary hardships," Williams wrote, "Major Pierson was the most loved of officers in the division and his death was a shock to his men."

Harriet maintained a scrapbook collection of newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, maps, condolences, and memorabilia relating to her husband's military career and death.

"Henceforth I travel alone, yet shall I not be solitary, since thy sweet memory goeth beside me even unto my journey's end," ran her inscription on the scrapbook's first page.

Along with the scrapbook, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania owns Pierson's diary, chronicling his military training and campaigns in the Meuse-Argonne region.

In 1932, the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Fort Meade was renamed Camp Ward W. Pierson in his honor.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our lost immigration system

People of the African continent left that region, by boats, for Europe by the hundreds, a lot of them for France. They became refugees. We have similar things happening here, but the now-undocumented aliens are not claiming refugee status nor political asylum. I think they want legalized permanent residency. Would that not create furor among our Chamorus and Refaluasch? The CNMI is one path to citizenship. They just want to stay here, whatever the goals and objectives they're aiming for, because there is an opportunity for a better life, so they say. We have contract laborers who overstaying, meaning that their labor contracts have expired but are not really ready to leave. We also have people who came in as visitors but are working at some business establishments or construction site. Recently, the FBI discovered 1,034 undocumented workers at the IPI construction site. Group by group, these undocumented laborers are being flown home to China. A few days ago, 92 illegal workers of Gold Mantis Construction Decoration who came as tourists were returned to China. There are also 14 documented laborers who came but without a labor sponsor.

I say these happenings are an abuse of the immigration system, not labor—aliens coming in as tourist but switching to being workers. As of late last week, these unsponsored laborers were being berthed at the China Town senior citizen center and were being fed by the government. Whose responsibility is it to take care of these workers at China Town? DHS. We should charge DHS for whatever the expenses of berthing these workers. DHS should put them on the next flight to China, not at our expense. They are not our responsibility.

This brings up the repeated issues of the link between immigration management and labor, and their impact on our economy. We need to have an immigration system as a support for our workforce requirement, and to augment our economy. We are a self-governing entity, a commonwealth, with a unique political status with internal sovereignty. We gave that away, but the Refaluasch did not. They refused to give away their sovereignty. However, this commonwealth is a democracy, a representative democracy. As such, I say that those who voted the most "wins the game," meaning majority vote rules. As a sovereignty, the ability to control who comes into the NMI is critical to who and what we are.

Now, say, that the CNMI is a gigantic mall. Malls depend on a certain volume of consumers just to remain open, to make some profit, to flourish, and grow. It needs a "humongous" number of consumers for the size of it to make it operate everyday. Now, imagine there's a "Checkpoint Charlie" where incoming or outgoing consumers are checked for whatever reason. If people do not meet certain requirements, they are turned away. Hypothetical. How long do you think that mall will survive? And what of the concessionaires in that mall, how long will they remain open before they start screaming for the removal of the restrictions, in this case the checkpoint, so they can survive the erratic money movement? Is the example understandable? We are that mall. "Checkpoint Charlie" is INA-DHS. The "in and out" movement is immigration. Consumers are the immigrants who are the economic resource. Anytime DHS makes any large-scale adverse decision encompassing the whole immigration parameter, it affects our economy. That bad decision morphs into a failed economy. Now, there are issues with some of our visitors. Many are, in fact, "illegals," people who came and stayed for whatever reason and are not being caught despite the effort of the monitors. Most stay for survival and the chance to make a living. This scenario is true for the U.S. mainland, as well.

People have to do the searching. That's immigration side. The U.S. has an immigration problem, too. Big time. A total of 629,000 overstayed their visas last year. DHS has a hard time knowing where everybody is. The "overstayers" outnumber the undocumented border crossers. This is a problem that really has no solution. "Overstayers" do try to stay out of DHS' sight. But DHS wants to be easy on 50,000 Haitians who were victims of a 2010 earthquake.

Countries all over the world are experiencing a significant increase in the number of illegal immigrants. The wars in the Middle East have contributed to the influx. So, what do we do? What can we do?

Let's take it from a different perspective. We have had illegal immigrants here for a long time, many dating back to the days of the garment industry. They lost legal immigration status when their labor contracts expired, but they didn't want to go back home. Here, they're making a living, many working illegally on a one-to-one hiring but are not paying taxes and utilities, at least most of them. If we get back our immigration system, maybe we can grant some status to them so they can contribute to the CNMI's coffers. Help pay for the government's operation, etc. The reason we say that is because the U.S. "plays around" with immigration and naturalization laws if it wants to. It came up with "CNMI-only," and "DREAM" status, forgave the Haitians, negotiated with "sanctuary cities, scheduled the exit date of the CWs, etc. That shows that if the U.S. wants to modify its immigration laws, it would do so. Just give Congress an honest reason to modify the law.

Can the CNMI round up the now-undocumented workers? Nope, not our job. This is an immigration matter, remember? And in order to weed out all these people, the U.S. would have to do one of two things, either provide an amnesty period for people to come forward to either be deported without limitations or be given status or scour every inch of the island, asking for "papers." The problem is, how many agents would be used? That's also U.S. problem. How do you feel about it? To legalize their residency here, "CNMI-only"?

Well, enough of the talk, the threats, the promises and grandstanding in the name of gearing up for the next election. We want our elected leaders to act now, be it through the 902 talks, our delegate to Congress or direct communication with the federal government so we can control our future. Where are our elected officials? Are only Gov. Torres and U.S. Delegate Kilili doing something to this effect? Legislators too busy taxing buses, van, shutting down handguns, approving their tremendous salary increases? Did we elect them for those? We got taxes up to our neck. They're running us dry. It is high time for them to buckle down and man up to their responsibilities. Think up some revenue sources that don't eat up people's "pockets."

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paid parental leave program.

The budget, however, also engages in some standard budget gimmickry – not only overly optimistic growth rates, but lower interest payments on debt and $142 billion from "actions to improve payment accuracy and tighten administrative controls." (That's the 2017 version of "cutting waste and fraud.")

In the end, it's a budget that became an inevitability last November. Republicans are in power now. They're about to get their wish on government and taxes, and Americans are about to get just what they voted for.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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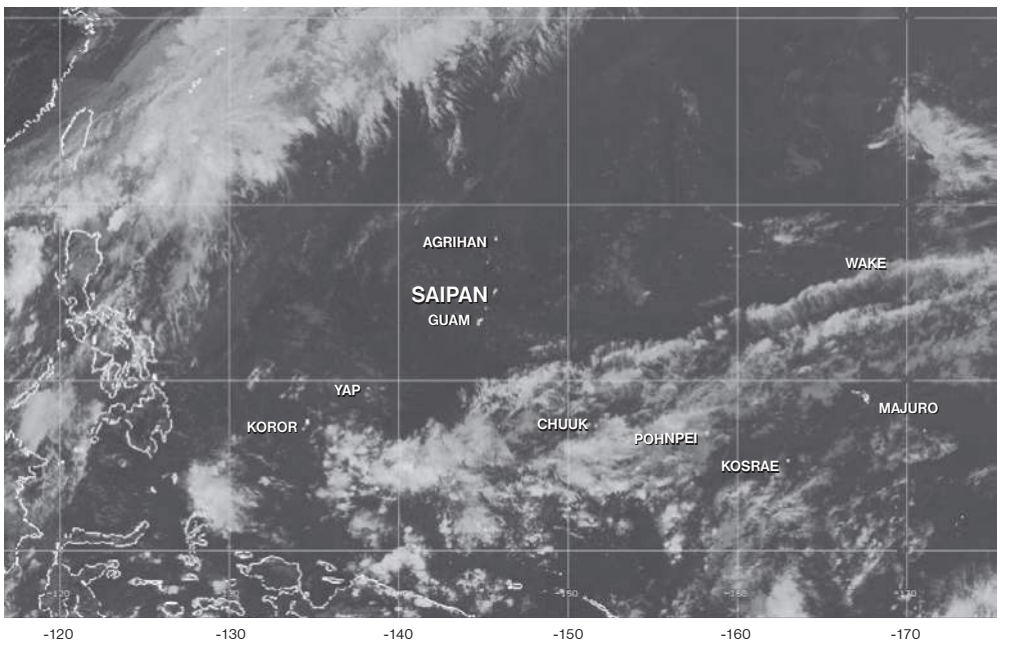

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No major changes were made to the current forecast as the quiet weather pattern continues. Generally dry conditions are expected, with nothing more than an isolated shower. Guidance does suggest that by midweek there could be the best shot of seeing any showers though overall chances remain low. Expect wind and seas to peak today before gradually falling through midweek. Combined seas should peak around 6 feet on eastern facing shores. By midweek seas should be back down to around 3 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88 | 80 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 | 78 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	86 | 80 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87 | 81 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86 | 79 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86 | 81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	63 | 55 °F
Beijing	Mostly sunny	84 | 63 °F
Hong Kong	Sunny	85 | 73 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	81 | 69 °F
London	Showers	65 | 55 °F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	79 | 62 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	93 | 81 °F
Melbourne	Rain	54 | 46 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	88 | 78 °F
New York	Showers	71 | 62 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	88 | 70 °F
Paris	Thunderstorms	79 | 63 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	81 | 64 °F
Rome	Sunny	84 | 61 °F
Salem	Thunderstorms	82 | 66 °F
San Francisco	Showers	64 | 38 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	82 | 63 °F
Tokyo	Mostly sunny	82 | 68 °F
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	78 | 63 °F

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9:16 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.95
4:41 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.55
11:48 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.04

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:42 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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McDonald's offered $5K as hole-in-one prize at TOC

McDonald's Saipan offered a cash award of $5,000 as a hole-in-one prize at the 22nd Annual Tournament of Champions set last May 27 and 28, at the Laolao bay Golf & Resort.

"We are extremely happy to support the Governor's Tournament of Champions, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for important beautification projects in the CNMI," said Joe Ayuyu Jr., general manager of McDonald's Saipan. "We look forward to this weekend's tournament and wish all the players luck!"

"McDonald's Saipan's $5,000 hole-in-one contribution helps us build even more excitement for this year's tournament," said Ben Babauta, tournament director.

The two-day event was bigger and better with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes.

There were hundreds of thousands worth of prizes that were at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that included a brand new 2017 Honda Civic hatchback donated by Joeten Motors, a brand new 2017 Hyundai Grand Santa Fe donated by Triple J Motors, a brand new 2017 Limited Edition 50th Anniversary Toyota Corolla donated by Atkins Kroll Toyota, a $10,000 hole-in-one prize offered by Pacifica Insurance, and one year of free golf donated by Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Since its inception, TOC has turned over more than $800,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to Kensington as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, the Governor's TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway. ***(PR)***

Marcia Ayuyu, owner/ operator of McDonald's Saipan, center, and Joe Ayuyu Jr., general manager of McDonald's of Saipan, second from left, present a $5,000 hole-in-one check to Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director. They are accompanied by a McDonald's employees and TOC planning committee members.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Year of Love edition of Latte Stone Cookies on sale

TUMON, Guam—The Guam Visitors Bureau announced Friday that the Visit Guam 2017: Year of Love edition of Latte Stone Cookies are now on sale.

» Special edition boxes are available at ABC Stores and Two Lovers Point

Latte Stone Cookies, which are made on Guam, are produced by Everything Guam/B&G Pacific LLC. A special-edition red box includes six latte stone-shaped cookies made of the company's signature shortbread. Each cookie is individually wrapped.

"The special edition of the Latte Stone Cookies is an excellent example of how GVB loves supporting unique products that are made on Guam that both local residents and visitors can enjoy. It's also great to see how Guam businesses are supporting the campaigns that promote our beautiful island," said GVB president and CEO Nathan Denight. "We thank our business partners and the entire island community for contributing to the success of the 'Year of Love' theme and look forward to more partnerships that showcase Guam."

There are only 5,000 special edition boxes. A box is sold for $4.99 at ABC Stores and $5 at Two Lovers Point. ***(PT)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA HOUSING CORPORATION,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0495
Plaintiff	:	
-v-	:	
The Estate of GREGORIO VILLAGOMEZ DELEON GUERRERO and JACINTA P. GUERRERO	:	

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 13, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: That certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Fina Sisu, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

Lot H-164-7 A (part of H-164-7), more particularly bounded and described as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 47,750.80 meters North and 50,896.98 meters East on the Mariana Islands Coordinate Systems of 1996;
Thence North 02° 42' 45" West, 34,24 meters to corner no. 2;
Thence South 77° 45' 51" East, 28.000 meters to corner no. 3;
Thence South 02° 20' 27", 34.72 meters to corner no. 4;
Thence North 76° 44' 18" West, 28.00 meters to corner no. 1,
The point of beginning;
Containing an areas of 931 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017, at the hour of 1:30p.m., at the Law offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 1st day of May, 2017.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS, Deceased.	)))))	CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0252 NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF CO-ADMINISTRATRIX

TO: THE SURVIVING HEIRS OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS, SPECIFICALLY MELINDA T. HOSSAIN AND ANNIE R. TOKYO

This Notice of Conditional Appointment of Co-Administratrix is hereby served upon you by publication to notify you that the Court has conditionally appointed Hilda V. Rios to serve a Co-Administratrix in the above estate. Any objection to this appointment must be made within five weeks of the date of May 2, 2017. To the Law Office of Robert Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Tel.: (670) 234-7859), Fax: (670) 234-5750.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

Jester Ulpiano Itibus Kaipat
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IN THE SUPERIOR COUR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	)))	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0215
Jester Ulpiano Itibus Kaipat Petitioner	))	**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 6/22/17 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated 10th day of May, 2017.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-019

REPAIR & RENOVATION OF THE MARPI SUBSTANCE ABUSE & REHABILITATION FACILITY-PHASE 1, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Repair & Renovation of the Marpi Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation Facility-Phase 1, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m, local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 20, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-17-IFB-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@pticom.com**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 23, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **July 5, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, July 7, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on June 23, 2017.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred (US$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ANTHONY A. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Taste of the Marianas

Vicente Montoya of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, who won third place in the annual certified Angus beef Chef's Competition at the Taste of the Marianas, holds up his dish as he poses for a picture with judges and officials of the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands officials.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Sonny Encarnacion of Kanoa Resort, who won second place in the annual certified Angus beef Chef's Competition at the Taste of the Marianas, holds up his dish as he poses for a picture with judges and officials of the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands officials.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Tony Agulto of Hyatt Regency Saipan, who won first place in the annual certified Angus beef Chef's Competition at the Taste of the Marianas, holds up his dish as he poses for a picture with judges and officials of the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands officials.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan wins fourth place in the booth decorating contest of the 19th Taste of the Marianas.

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Kanoa Resort wins third place in the booth decorating contest of the 19th Taste of the Marianas.

ERWIN ENCINARES

Mariana Resort & Spa wins second place in the booth decorating contest of the 19th Taste of the Marianas.

ERWIN ENCINARES

D'Elegance Café wins first place in the booth decorating contest of the 19th Taste of the Marianas.

ERWIN ENCINARES

D'Elegance Café's award winning booth at the 19th annual Taste of the Marianas

Business

Trump makes G-7 deal on trade, takes rain check on climate

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP)—Seven wealthy democracies ended their summit Saturday in Italy without unanimous agreement on climate change, as the Trump administration plans to take more time to say whether the U.S. is going to remain in the Paris accord on limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

The other six nations in the Group of Seven agreed to stick with their commitment to implement the 2015 Paris deal that aims to slow down global warming.

The final G-7 statement, issued after two days of talks in the seaside town of Taormina, said the U.S. "is in the process of reviewing its policies on climate change and on the Paris agreement and thus is not in a position to join the consensus on these topics."

Trump tweeted he would decide on Paris next week. The announcement on the final day of the U.S. president's first international trip comes after he declined to commit to staying in the sweeping climate deal, resisting intense international pressure from his peers at the summit.

Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, who chaired the meeting, said the other six "won't change our position on climate change one millimeter. The U.S. hasn't decided yet. I hope they decide in the right way."

Gentiloni said climate was "not a minor point" and that he hoped the United States would decide "soon and well" because the Paris accords "need the contribution of the United States."

French President Emmanuel Macron also chimed in on the climate issue, praising Trump's "capacity to listen." Macron said he told Trump it is "indispensable for the reputation of the United States and the interest of the Americans themselves that the United States remain committed" to the Paris climate agreement.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was more downbeat, calling the G-7 climate talks "very difficult, if not to say, very unsatisfactory."

Trump held no news conferences during his nine-day overseas trip, allowing him to avoid questions about investigations into his campaign's ties with Russian officials. His top economic and national security advisers refused to answer questions during a press briefing Saturday.

The G-7 leaders had better luck finding agreement on the other problematic topic at the summit, trade.

They restored a vow to fight protectionism—the use of import taxes and skewed regulations that favor domestic producers over their foreign competitors. The no-protectionism pledge had been a part of previous G-7 statements but was omitted after a meeting of the group's finance ministers' earlier this month in Bari, Italy. This time the G-7 leaders reiterated a "commitment to keep our markets open and to fight protectionism."

The Trump administration has argued that trade must be balanced and fair as well as free. His Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, has said the United States reserves the right to be protectionist if trade arrangements are unfair to U.S. companies and workers.

Trump's position appeared to be addressed by new language that said the member countries would be "standing firm against all unfair trade practices."

AP

Oxfam activists wearing masks of the leaders of the G7 summit; from left, US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Theresa May and French President Emmanuel Macron, stage a protest in Giardini Naxos, near the venue of the G7 summit in the Sicilian town of Taormina, southern Italy, Saturday, May 27, 2017.

California bills target private business to help immigrants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California Democrats are expanding their efforts to resist President Donald Trump's crackdown on immigrants in the country illegally with bills aimed at limiting how much private businesses can cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

Democrats control all levels of state government, and leaders have vowed to resist Trump administration policies at every turn. Immigration is among their key issues, but most legislation so far has been aimed at limiting what police can do to help immigration authorities and providing additional state services and support to immigrants in the country illegally.

Now, two bills that advanced in the Assembly in the past week are taking aim at private businesses.

A measure that would bar landlords from disclosing tenants' immigration status or reporting them to immigration officials passed the chamber. A bill prohibiting public and private employers from letting immigration agents come into their worksites or view their employee files cleared a committee.

Both bills contain exceptions if employers or landlords are complying with a warrant or subpoena.

Ann Morse, who tracks immigration bills for the National Conference of State Legislatures, said the California measures are the only ones she knows of that aim to limit landlords and private businesses' cooperation and communication with immigration enforcement.

Both bills are sponsored by Democratic Assemblyman David Chiu of San Francisco. He said they are necessary to protect against deportation of immigrants who haven't committed crimes since entering the country.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, who opposes the measures, said he thinks they could actually promote fear in immigrant communities, and existing laws already protect tenants. He said the proposals, along with many of the other immigration bills introduced this session, are designed more to make a political statement than to enact good policy.

"If you have a private citizen who provides certain information at the behest of a federal authority, they might end up facing (consequences) just for complying with the request," the Sacramento-area Republican said. "Measures like that do more harm than good."

Jith Meganathan, a policy advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, said that following Trump's victory last fall, organizations that provide legal assistance to low-income Californians began receiving more reports of landlords threatening tenants over their immigration status. Although some of what Chiu's landlord-tenant bill forbids may already be illegal under the state's anti-discrimination laws, he said the measure, AB291, will provide important legal clarity.

Off-lease used cars are flooding market, pushing prices down

DETROIT (AP)—In 2014, Infiniti leased more than 28,000 Q50 luxury sedans for as little as $329 per month in a growing U.S. market. The leases accounted for more than three-quarters of Q50 sales.

Now they're coming back to haunt the automaker.

Like many companies that juiced sales with sweet leases during the past few years, Nissan's luxury brand now faces a hefty supply of nice, low-mileage used cars at a time when most people want SUVs. For the U.S. auto industry, about 3.5 million vehicles will come off lease this year, after 3 million returned last year, according to Automotive Lease Guide. These are huge numbers when you consider that leasing all but came to a halt during the Great Recession about a decade ago.

The numbers signal three shifts in the market:

■ Lease deals are starting to wane as many companies cut back to control the used car supply.

■ You can get a great late-model used car for a bargain price.

■ Competition from used cars likely will push down the price of new ones.

Since the lightly used cars are entering a market that favors trucks and SUVs, the prices will fall, says Jim Lentz, Toyota's CEO in North America. "It's more difficult to get rid of them," he says. "You're going to have very attractive certified used passenger car payments relative to new passenger cars."

Three years ago, automakers leased about 3.3 million vehicles, just over 23 percent of U.S. sales to individual buyers. The business was good. Cars were holding their values and automakers expected to sell them at a tidy profit when leases ended in two or three years. Cars were still popular, making up half of the nation's sales.

Leasing continued to grow, hitting a record of over 30 percent of sales earlier this year. Meanwhile, buyer tastes shifted to SUVs and demand for cars faded. Car sales are now about 38 percent of the market. As a result, used-vehicle prices tumbled 7 percent during March compared with a year ago, according to an NADA Guides index. The organization expects them to fall 6 percent for the full year.

Data collected by Kelley Blue Book shows leasing dropped to under 30 percent of sales in April after three years of increases.

Toyota started to reduce leasing in 2015. General Motors cut sales to rental car companies last year to control the used car supply, Chief Financial Officer Chuck Stevens says. Now GM is reallocating incentive spending away from leases toward conventional financing, as new-car sales are expected to back off slightly from last year's record 17.5 million.

Eric Lyman, lead analyst for Automotive Lease Guide, advises consumers now is a good time to lease a car, before leasing cuts become more widespread. Although he expects the number of vehicles leased this year to stay flat, payments are likely to rise as automakers offer less generous terms.

But it will be difficult for automakers to stick to a strategy of raising lease costs unless they all go along. For example, if Honda leases a midsize Accord for $229 per month, Toyota will have to match the price on the Camry, the Accord's prime competitor, Lyman says.

Jake Winfield, a math teacher in Phoenix, considers himself a beneficiary of the car oversupply. Late last year he bought a 2015 Accord with under 15,000 miles that he believes started life as a lease. He paid just under $20,000 for the certified pre-owned car with aluminum wheels and a moon roof that stickered around $25,000 when new. It was inspected and comes with a warranty. "I was able to get a higher-end car by buying used than by buying new, with my budget," Winfield says.

Nation

Trump's trip: Conventional images and unconventional talk

AP
President Donald Trump is introduced to speak to U.S. military troops at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Saturday, May 27, 2017, in Sigonella, Italy.

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP)— As he dashed through the Middle East and Europe, Donald Trump looked like a conventional American leader abroad. He solemnly laid a wreath at a Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, had an audience with the pope at the Vatican and stood center stage with Western allies at the annual summits that dominate the diplomatic calendar.

But when Trump spoke, he sounded like anything but a typical U.S. president.

On his first overseas tour, the new president made no attempt to publicly promote democracy and human rights in Saudi Arabia, instead declaring that he wasn't there to lecture. In Israel and the West Bank, he pointedly did not back America's long-standing support for a two-state solution to the intractable peace process. And in the heart of Europe, Trump berated NATO allies over their financial commitments and would not explicitly endorse the "one for all, all for one" defense doctrine that has been the cornerstone of trans-Atlantic security for decades.

To the White House, Trump's first trip abroad was an embodiment of the promises he made as a candidate to put America's interests first and break through the guardrails that have long defined U.S. foreign policy. Trump advisers repeatedly described the trip as historic and groundbreaking, including one senior official who brashly said without evidence that Trump had "united the entire Muslim world."

Addressing U.S. troops Saturday at a Sicilian air base moments before departing for Washington, Trump himself declared: "I think we hit a home run."

Trump boarded Air Force One without having held a single news conference on the trip - a break in presidential precedent that allowed him to avoid facing tough questions about his foreign policy or the raging controversies involving the investigations into his campaign's possible ties to Russia. Instead, the White House hoped to let the images of Trump in statesman-like settings tell the story of his first trip abroad, and perhaps ease questions about his preparedness for the delicate world of international diplomacy.

Yet those questions are sure to persist, particularly given Trump's remarkable lashing of NATO allies in Brussels. Standing alongside his counterparts, the president effectively accused countries who do not meet NATO's goal of spending 2 percent of their gross domestic product of sponging off American taxpayers. He left some allies, already nervous about Russia's saber-rattling and Trump's public affection for Russian President Vladimir Putin, further flummoxed when he ended his remarks without making an explicit statement of support for Article 5, the common defense clause that underpins the 68-year-old military alliance.

"The mood of Article 5, the idea that we are all in this together, is not the mood he conveyed," said Jon Alterman, a senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "The mood he conveyed is you guys are a bunch of freeloaders."

Some European leaders believe Trump can still be coaxed away from his controversial campaign positions. At the Group of 7 summit in the coastal town of Taormina, leaders launched an aggressive, behind-the-scenes campaign to get him to stay in the Paris climate accord.

Mayor: 'Heroes' died protecting women from anti-Muslim rant

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)— Police said Saturday they'll examine what appears to be the extremist ideology of an Oregon man accused of fatally stabbing two men who tried to intervene when the suspect yelled racial slurs at two young women who appeared to be Muslim on a Portland light-rail train.

The attack Friday happened on the first day of Ramadan, the holiest time of the year for Muslims, and it sent shockwaves through a city that prides itself on its tolerance and liberal views. A memorial where the stabbing occurred grew steadily Saturday, and a vigil was planned.

"That people feel emboldened to come out and show their racism and bigotry in that way is horrifying to me. It's a gut check for everywhere—and absolutely for Portland," said Christopher Douglas, who stopped at the memorial. "Portland ... floats in a little bit of a bubble of its own liberal comfort and I think the reality is sinking in."

Jeremy Joseph Christian, 35, was being held in the Multnomah County Jail on suspicion of aggravated murder, attempted murder, intimidation and being a felon in possession of a weapon. He was arrested a short time after the attack on Friday.

He will make a first court appearance Tuesday, and it wasn't clear if he had an attorney. A phone at his home in Portland rang unanswered Saturday, and no one came to the door at his parents' home.

Police identified the victims as Ricky John Best, 53, of Happy Valley, Oregon, and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche, 23, of Portland. Police say Best died at the scene and that Meche died at a hospital.

Meche's mother, Asha Deliverance of Ashland, Oregon, confirmed on Facebook that her son had been killed. She did not immediately return a call to her business phone listing or a message sent through social media.

"He was a hero and will remain a hero on the other side of the veil. Shining bright star I love you forever," she wrote.

Meche graduated last year from Reed College in Portland with a bachelor's degree in economics, the college said on its website. Mayor Ted Wheeler said at a news conference that Best was an Army veteran and a city employee.

"These two men died heroes as a result of a horrific act of racist violence."

Police say Micah David-Cole Fletcher, 21, of Portland was also stabbed in the attack and is in serious condition at a Portland hospital. Police say his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

"Their actions were brave and selfless and should serve as an example, an inspiration to us all. They are heroes," Wheeler said.

Police said one of the two young women on the train was wearing a hijab. The assailant was ranting on many topics, using "hate speech or biased language," police Sgt. Pete Simpson said.

Dyjuana Hudson, a mother of one of the girls, told The Oregonian/OregonLive (http://bit.ly/2qurEGz) that the man began a racial tirade as soon as he spotted the girls. Her daughter is African-American and was with a friend who was wearing a hijab, she said.

"He was saying that Muslims should die," Hudson said. "That they've been killing Christians for years."

The FBI and U.S. Attorney for Oregon are working with Portland police. The FBI says it's too early to say whether the slayings qualify as a federal hate crime however Christian faces intimidation charges, the state equivalent of a hate crime.

ACROSS THE NATION

Parents of girl filmed urinating tell school 'do something'

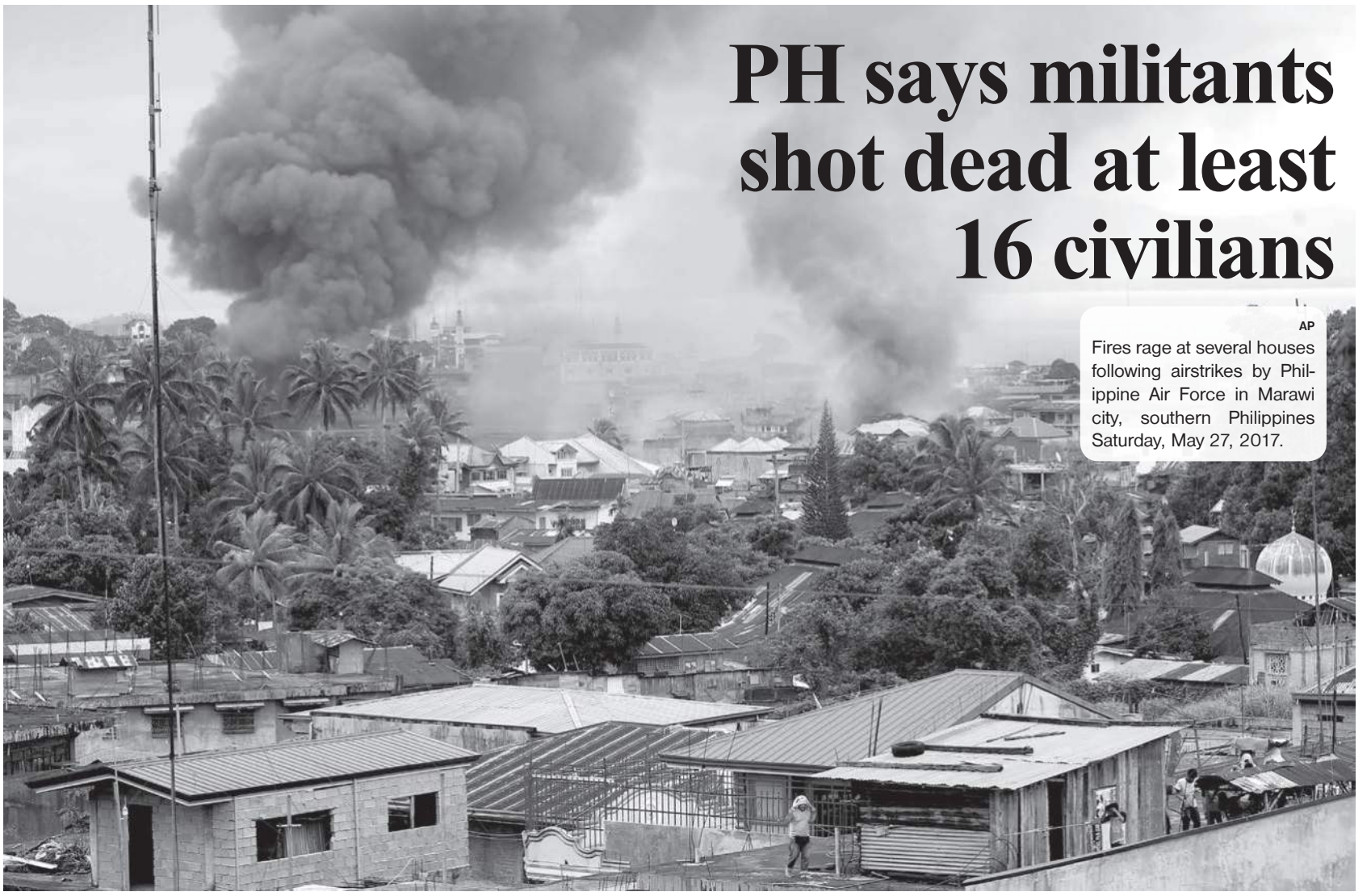
DANVILLE, Calif. (AP)— The parents of a 16-year-old girl who was filmed urinating in a bathroom stall say officials at a California high school aren't doing enough to punish the perpetrator who received a three-day suspension after she admitted to posting the video on social media. The 17-year-old girl, a star athlete at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, was arrested but allowed to return to school the next day, remain on her team and participate in a championship game, The East Bay Times reported. The victim's mom, Denise Lynch, accused school district officials of failing to properly respond to the incident by allowing the girl stay in the school. She said her daughter's grades dropped and that she is suffering emotionally by having to face her tormentor at school. "When it is reported to you, you do nothing, you minimize it, you sweep it under the rug," Lynch told board members at a meeting Tuesday. "Had my daughter not told us God forbid killed herself, everyone would be asking themselves: 'What more could have been done?' Now is the time to do something," her husband Sean Lynch said. The Lynches found out about the video when it was posted on Instagram in April, months after it was filmed in November by a cellphone from under a bathroom stall.

Mother of Uber CEO Travis Kalanick killed in boat accident

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)— The mother of the CEO of the ride-hailing company Uber died in a boat accident in a California lake, the company said. Bonnie Kalanick, 71, died after the boat she and her husband, Donald, 78, were riding in hit a rock in Pine Flat Lake and sank, Fresno County authorities said. They are the parents of Travis Kalanick, 40, who founded Uber in 2009. The company has since grown to become an international operation with a market value of nearly $70 billion. The Kalanicks, from the Northridge neighborhood of Los Angeles, have been longtime boaters. In a memo to Uber staff, Liane Hornsey, the chief human resources officer, called the Friday evening accident an "unthinkable tragedy." She wrote that "everyone in the Uber family knows how incredibly close Travis is to his parents." Officers were called to the scene and found the couple on a shore of the lake, the Sheriff's office said in a statement. Bonnie Kalanick died at the scene, and her husband suffered moderate injuries, the sheriff's office said. An autopsy of Bonnie Kalanick is planned, the office said.

Asia

PH says militants shot dead at least 16 civilians



AP
Fires rage at several houses following airstrikes by Philippine Air Force in Marawi city, southern Philippines Saturday, May 27, 2017.

MARAWI, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops found the bodies of 16 civilians in the streets as they fought Sunday to drive out militants linked to the Islamic State group who have occupied parts of a southern city. The overall death toll was 92.

The dead civilians included a group of four men, three women and a child who were found near a road close to the Mindanao State University in Marawi, said military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla.

Eight other men were found gunned down and thrown in a shallow ravine early Sunday in Marawi's Emi village, said police officer Jamail Mangadang. A paper sign attached to one of the men indicated the victims "betrayed their faith," he said.

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Padilla said 61 militants have been killed together with 11 soldiers and four police since Tuesday, when a failed raid to capture one of Asia's top militants triggered an attack on the city.

Troops were pressing their assaults on the militants Sunday, he said.

"We're also focusing on house-to-house clearing of areas and rescuing trapped residents," Padilla told The Associated Press by phone from Manila, the capital. Troops rescued about 100 trapped civilians from their homes Saturday, he said.

A provincial official, Zia Alonto Adiong, said more than 2,200 civilian stranded in their homes by street fighting have been sending cellphone messages asking to be rescued and brought to evacuation centers. They were also reporting widespread damage in the city of 200,000 people.

The violence prompted President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday to declare 60 days of martial law in the southern Philippines, where a Muslim separatist rebellion has raged for decades. But the recent violence has raised fears that extremism could be growing as smaller militant groups unify and align themselves with the Islamic State group.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sri Lanka mudslide, flood deaths rise to 126; 97 missing

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lankan rescuers took advantage of improving weather and receding floodwaters Sunday to reach thousands of people in need of basic supplies after floods and mudslides left at least 126 dead. Officials said hope is fading for finding survivors among 97 people missing in two days of torrential rains and landslides that swamped western and southern regions. More than 100,000 are displaced. The U.N said it is assisting in relief efforts in response to a government appeal. It also promised to donate water purification tablets, tents and other supplies for the displaced. India sent a shipload of goods while Pakistan announced that it will soon dispatch a consignment of relief supplies. Although the weather has cleared, more rains are forecast for Sunday and Monday. Maj. Gen. Sudantha Ranasinghe, who is heading the search and rescue mission, said that mounds of earth and rocks crashed down in such a way that people could hardly survive, and that most of the affected places were still inundated. Mudslides have become common during the monsoon season in Sri Lanka, a tropical Indian Ocean island nation, as land has been heavily deforested to grow export crops such as tea and rubber. Last May, a massive landslide killed more than 100 people in central Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh reinstalls justice statue that irked Islamists

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A sculptor says authorities in Bangladesh have reinstalled a Lady Justice statue near the country's Supreme Court, two days after its removal following complaints by Islamist hard-liners. Sculptor Mrinal Haque said Sunday workers put the statue back in place a few hundred meters (yards) from its original location. The removal was to appease hard-liners who said the statue was erected last year in front of a ground used for prayers during two Islamic festivals. But it also sparked criticism and protests among liberals. The sculpture is wrapped in a sari, a Bangladeshi revision of the usual representation, the Greek goddess Themis blindfolded and clad in a gown. Islamists oppose idol worship and consider the Lady Justice statue anti-Islamic.

Small plane crashes near Mount Everest; 1 killed, 2 injured

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A small plane carrying only crew members and cargo crashed near Mount Everest on Saturday, killing one of the pilots, Nepalese officials said. The two other crew members were injured. The plane hit a mountain about 20 meters (66 feet) below the runway of Tenzing Hillary Airport at Lukla, the gateway to Mount Everest, said government administrator Umesh Pandey. The plane was carrying two pilots and an air hostess. They were all Nepali nationals. Pandey said all three on board were taken to a local hospital. One pilot died at the hospital while the other was in critical condition. Poor weather conditions were preventing a helicopter from flying out of Lukla to bring them to Nepal's capital, Kathmandu. Kathmandu Airport spokesman Prem Nath Thakur said the accident would be investigated. An initial report said it was windy when the plane was about to touch down. The Czech-manufactured LET-410 plane belonged to the domestic airline Goma Air. May is a popular month in the Mount Everest area for mountaineers and trekkers.

Australia's most notorious drug smuggler returns from Bali

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian drug smuggler Schapelle Corby, whose trial and imprisonment on Indonesia's tourist island of Bali mesmerized her country for more than a decade, returned home Sunday.

Corby landed in the Queensland capital of Brisbane early Sunday morning, after she was deported from Bali amid a frenzy of journalists. More than 200 police officers were deployed to secure her departure from Denpasar, Bali's capital, said Ida Bagus Adnyana, who heads Bali's Justice and Human Rights office.

"Corby signed a document to end her parole. She is completely free now," he said.

Back on Australian soil, she managed to evade the waiting media throng and slip out of the airport unseen. A member of Corby's security team, Eleanor Whitman, read a statement to journalists on behalf of the family.

"To all those in Australia and all those in Bali who have been there throughout this difficult journey, your support has not gone unnoticed," the statement said. "The priority of our focus will now be on healing and moving forward."

Corby was arrested in 2004 at the age of 27 after customs officers at Bali's airport found more than 4 kilograms (9 pounds) of marijuana inside her boogie board bag, sparking a media frenzy in Australia on par with America's O.J. Simpson trial.

Corby always insisted the drugs had been planted in her bag, and most Australians initially believed her story. Her courtroom battle was tailor-made for TV: a photogenic Australian beach girl who had apparently fallen victim to corrupt officials in an Asian country that had come to be viewed with fear and suspicion after dozens of Australians were killed in the 2002 Bali bombings.

Indonesians, who called Corby "Ganja Queen," were mystified by Australia's response. To them, the case was clear-cut, and the Australian outrage overly nationalistic.

Corby's insistence that the drugs were planted by baggage handlers was dismissed as lies by Balinese prosecutors. A court sentenced her to 20 years in prison, though that was later reduced.

In 2014, after nine years behind bars, she was released but had to stay in Bali until her parole expired on Saturday. In the lead-up to her deportation, she kept a low profile, living in a villa in Bali with her Indonesian boyfriend.

Australian media spent two weeks camped outside the villa, attempting to catch a glimpse of the elusive drug smuggler.

Hoping to fool reporters, friends and family members took to donning bizarre face masks as they went to and from the property.

Though proving Corby's innocence was once something of a national cause in Australia, unflattering reports about her family emerged over the years, sullying her image in many Australians' eyes. Today, few Australians still believe Corby's story but remain fascinated by the saga.

Under Australian law, she will not be able to directly profit from telling her story.

World

After UK, Egypt attacks, Libya seen as militants' haven

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—The Libya connection in the May 22 Manchester concert suicide bombing and Friday's attack on Christians in Egypt has shone a light on the threat posed by militant Islamic groups that have taken advantage of lawlessness in the troubled North African nation to put down roots, recruit fighters and export jihadists to cause death and carnage elsewhere.

Libya has been embroiled in violence since a 2011 uprising toppled and killed Moammar Gadhafi. Vast and oil-rich, Libya currently has rival administrations, an army led by a Gadhafi-era general as well as powerful Islamist militias that compete for territory, resources and political leverage.

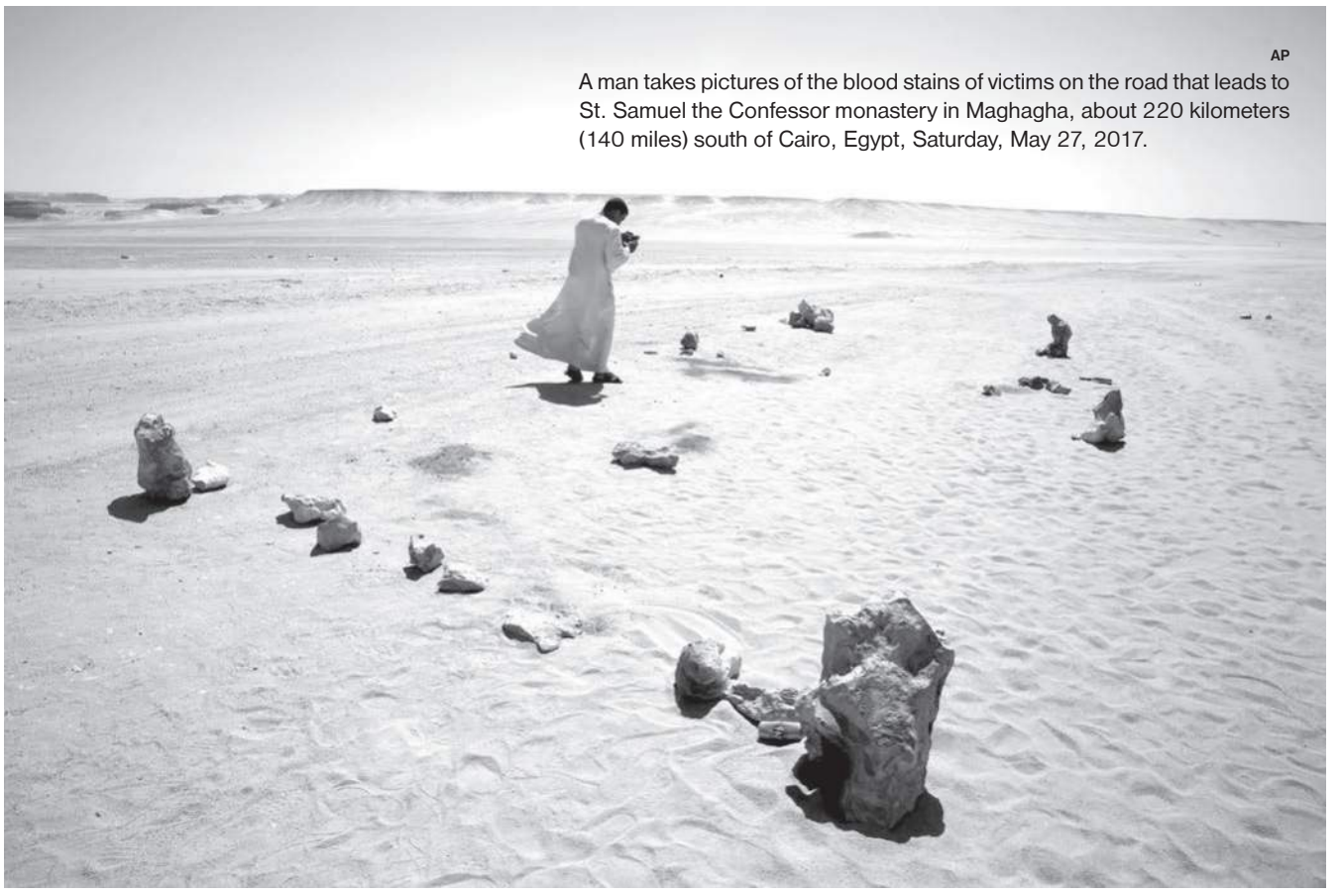
At the peak of its power in Libya, the Islamic State group controlled a 160-kilometer (100-mile) stretch of Libyan coastline and boasted between 2,000 and 5,000 fighters, many of them from Egypt and Tunisia.

It is that Libya that the alleged Manchester bomber, 22-year-old British citizen Salman Abedi, found when he and his family moved back from Britain after Gadhafi's ouster in 2011.

Monday's bombing left 22 dead, including an 8-year-old girl, and was claimed by IS. Abedi's brother Hashim has been taken into custody in Tripoli and, according to Libyan authorities, has confessed that he and Salman were IS members.

In Egypt, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi sent his fighter-jets to bomb militant positions in eastern Libya just hours after IS fighters shot dead 29 Christians on their way to a remote desert monastery. The military said the attackers were trained in Libya.

Egypt also has long complained that weapons smuggled across the porous desert border with Libya have reached militants operating on its soil. It also has claimed that militants who bombed three Christian churches since December received military training in IS bases in Libya.



AP

A man takes pictures of the blood stains of victims on the road that leads to St. Samuel the Confessor monastery in Maghagha, about 220 kilometers (140 miles) south of Cairo, Egypt, Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Islamic State claims responsibility for Egypt attack

MINYA, Egypt (AP)—The Islamic State group on Saturday claimed responsibility for the attack on a bus carrying Christians on their way to a remote desert monastery south of the Egyptian capital, Cairo, which killed 29.

Egypt responded to Friday's attack by launching a series of airstrikes that targeted what it said were militant bases in eastern Libya in which the assailants were trained. On Saturday, the military said on its official Facebook page that the airstrikes were continuing "day and night" and that they have "completely" destroyed their targets. It gave no details.

"What you've seen today will not go unpunished. An extremely painful strike has been dealt to the bases. Egypt will never hesitate to strike terror bases anywhere," President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said in a televised address to the nation late Friday. He said the attacks on Christians aimed at driving a wedge between them and the country's Muslim majority.

He also appealed to U.S. President Donald Trump to lead the global war against terror.

The claim, published by the group's Aamaq news agency, takes to four the number of deadly attacks targeting Christians since December that the extremist group says it's behind. It put the death toll at 32, but there was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

In all, the four attacks—Friday's, two in April and one in December—killed at least 104 people, mostly Christians. El-Sissi declared a three-month state of emergency following April's twin attacks, which fell on Palm Sunday.

The Egyptian Cabinet, meanwhile, said 13 victims of Friday's carnage remained hospitalized in Cairo and Minya province, where the attack took place. The bloodshed came on the eve of the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

MILITANCY:

Hundreds of Libyan youths answered the call to Jihad in the 1980s, traveling to Afghanistan to fight against the Russians. When they returned home after the war, Many of them wanted Islamic Sharia laws implemented in their country. They formed underground cells to escape the regime's watchful eyes and unsuccessfully tried to assassinate Gadhafi.

After Gadhafi's fall, veteran jihadists, al-Qaida sympathizers and Islamists of all shades formed militias that filled the post-Gadhafi power vacuum. Libya's present woes are rooted in the failure of the very first transitional government to dismantle those militias and integrate them into a national army. Instead, they carved up Libya into fiefdoms.

WHERE ARE THE MILITANTS NOW?

DARNA:

The eastern Libyan city, where militant positions were targeted by Egyptian warplanes on Friday, has historically been a bastion of radical Islamic groups as well as highly respected Islamic scholars. Extremists made the city their stronghold in the 1980s and 1990s, protected by the rugged terrain of the surrounding Green Mountain range. It was the main source of Libyan jihadists for the insurgency in Iraq. Entire brigades of Darna natives are known to be fighting in Syria's civil war.

During the 2011 uprising, residents formed the "Abusaleem Martyrs" brigade to fight Gadhafi loyalists. It proved to be one of the most effective rebel outfits. Its ranks soon later swelled and its fighters seized the city, setting up the Darna Mujahideen Shura Council to replace the local government.

The Islamic State group's Libyan affiliate had a robust presence in Darna, but the IS faction eventually fell out with the council and was driven out. The IS fighters relocated to the coastal city of Sirte and Darna remains to this day under the control of the Mujahideen Shura Council.

BENGHAZI:

Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, was the first to fall under the influence of extremist Islamic militias. Many of those militias were formed to fight the Gadhafi regime in 2011 and were led by radicals, widely viewed as experienced and motivated.

Perhaps the most notorious of the Benghazi militias is Ansar Al-Sharia, blamed for the killings of hundreds of former Libyan soldiers and for the death of the U.S. ambassador in 2012.

For more than two years, the so-called Libyan National Army led by Gen. Khalifa Hifter has battled an alliance of Benghazi's militias. His forces have managed to secure most of the city, except for pockets of a seaside neighborhood, heavily fortified and surrounded by fields of land mines.

SIRTE:

Sirte was where Gadhafi and his loyalists made a last stand in the 2011 civil war. The city, Gadhafi's hometown, was almost completely destroyed in the fighting. Furious over the city's loyalty to Gadhafi, anti-government rebels punished the city's residents with extrajudicial killings and revenge attacks.

In 2013, Sirte fell under the control of Ansar Al-Sharia, which made alliances with local tribes and an uneasy truce with other militias and the small number of remaining army troops. The group took over a sprawling former Gadhafi compound and boasted its own TV and radio station. IS also slowly infiltrated the city as fighters from countries like Mali, Tunisia, Egypt and Syria moved in and later declared Sirte an IS emirate.

UK police show photo of concert bomber, ask public for info

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—British police on Saturday released surveillance-camera images of the Manchester concert bomber on the night of the attack as they appealed for more information about his final days.

Authorities said they had made major progress in unravelling the plot behind the concert bombing but acknowledged there were still gaps in their knowledge.

Britain reduced its terrorism threat level a notch Saturday, from "critical" to "severe," yet security remained high as jittery residents tried to enjoy a long holiday weekend. Armed police officers and soldiers were deployed at soccer matches, concerts and other big events.

Abedi, a 22-year-old Briton of Libyan descent, died in Monday's explosion, which killed 22 others and wounded nearly 120 as crowds were leaving an Ariana Grande concert.

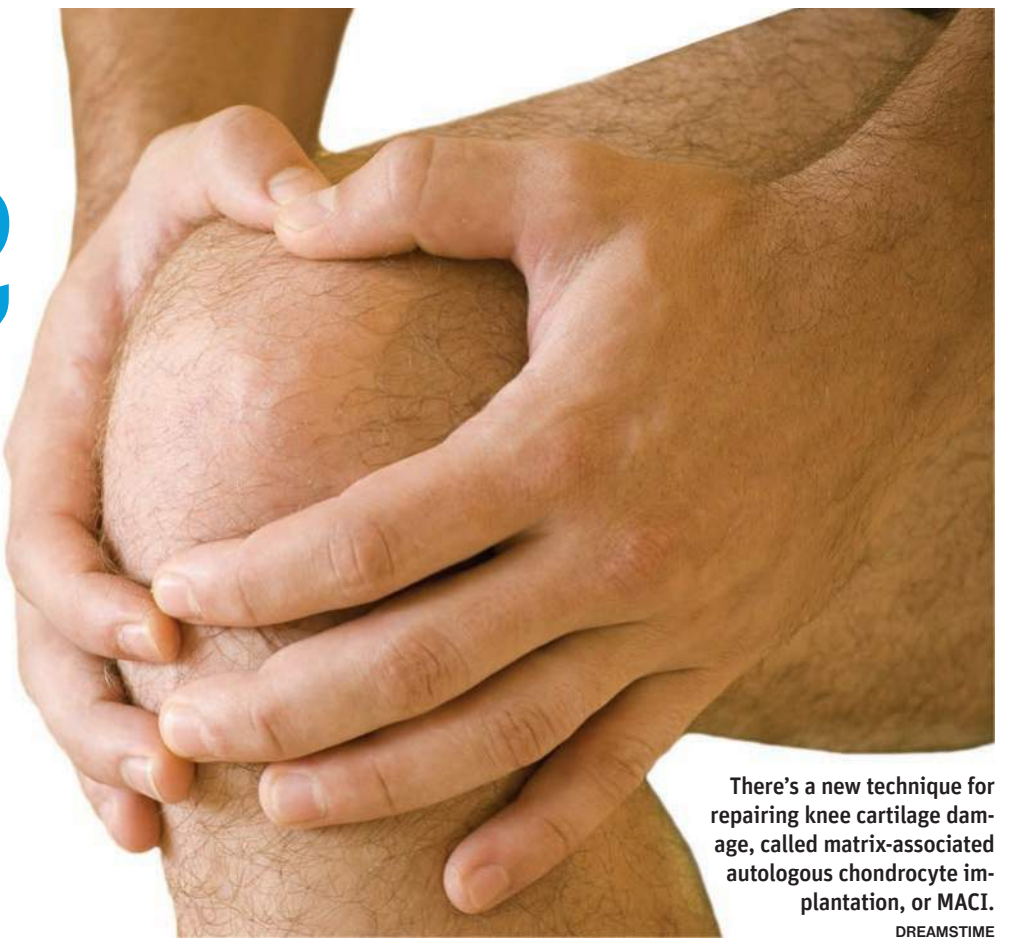
The photos released by police show attacker Salman Abedi on the night of the bombing, wearing sneakers, jeans, a dark jacket and a baseball cap. The straps of a knapsack are visible on his shoulders.

Greater Manchester Police chief Ian Hopkins and Neil Basu, the national coordinator of counterterrorism policing, urged people to contact police if they had information about Abedi's movements between May 18 and Monday night.

"In the past five days, we have gathered significant information about Abedi, his associates, his finances, the places he had been, how the device was built and the wider conspiracy," they said in a statement.

Health & Fitness

New technique for repairing knee cartilage damage



There's a new technique for repairing knee cartilage damage, called matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation, or MACI.
DREAMSTIME

Q I'm interested in the new procedure approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that can repair cartilage in the knee. How does it work? Who's a good candidate for this procedure?

A The new technique is called matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation, or MACI. It can be effective for repairing isolated cartilage damage in the knee, but it's not useful for people whose knee cartilage is diffusely damaged due to arthritis.

Your knee has two kinds of cartilage: the articular cartilage and the meniscus. Matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation is used to repair articular cartilage damage, which can come from an isolated injury or defect, or as a result of arthritis.

Of these two problems, isolated injuries and defects are much less common than arthritis. They usually happen due to an athletic injury or another medical condition, such as osteochondritis dissecans. Both isolated cartilage defects and arthritis have similar symptoms, including knee pain, swelling and loss of motion.

No matter the cause, cartilage damage is challenging, because cartilage doesn't have its own blood supply. Therefore, it can't heal itself. Once cartilage is damaged, without treatment the damage stays the same or gets larger over time. And so, identifying cartilage damage soon after it happens and starting treatment promptly is crucial to successful repair. It's also important to have a thorough evaluation to identify what caused the cartilage damage, because treatment is based on the underlying cause and potentially correcting those factors.

The matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation technique is only useful for repairing isolated cartilage damage. To understand why it can be helpful, consider a road repair analogy. If you have an isolated cartilage defect or damage, it's like having one or two potholes on a road. Once those potholes are repaired, the road is sound again. With arthritis, it's as if there are many potholes in the road. Fixing each individual hole won't restore the road overall, and more potholes will form over time. A more comprehensive approach is needed to make the surface sound.

For those who are good candidates for matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation, the technique is a two-stage process. The first step is knee arthroscopy. During this minimally invasive procedure, a physician looks inside your knee and assesses the cartilage damage—measuring its size and mapping its location. A sample of the cartilage also is taken from the knee. Afterward, that sample is sent to a lab, where the cells are used to grow more cartilage cells.

With matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation, the new cells are grown on a membrane scaffold in the lab. That's different than the cartilage repair techniques previously used. In the older approaches, cartilage cells were grown in a lab and implanted into the knee under a patch created from a membrane taken off the outer surface of a bone, called the periosteum, or implanted under a membrane made of collagen.

By growing the new cells on a membrane scaffold and then implanting them into the knee where the cartilage is damaged, a 3-D structure is created that more closely mimics natural cartilage, which allows for faster healing and lowers the risk of complications. Full recovery from matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation still can take up to one year, though, so you need to be motivated and willing to undergo rehabilitation over the course of a year.

If you suspect knee cartilage damage, see your health care provider. He or she may refer you to an orthopedic surgeon to review your options and decide if you might be a good candidate for matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation. If you have isolated cartilage damage that can be repaired with matrix-associated autologous chondrocyte implantation, a surgeon also can help identify what led to the damage in the first place. In some cases, problems such as joint instability or misalignment may require another procedure to correct those issues, so the cartilage isn't damaged again. ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

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Life & Style

Manager: Allman tried to keep playing music until the end

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—As Greg Allman neared the end of his life, he tried to maintain some privacy about what was coming.

"He kept it very private because he wanted to continue to play music until he couldn't," said Michael Lehman, the rock star's manager.

Allman, whose bluesy vocals and soulful touch on the Hammond B-3 organ helped propel The Allman Brothers Band to superstardom and spawn Southern rock, died Saturday at his home near Savannah, Georgia, at age 69, Lehman said.

Allman died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones Lehman, told The Associated Press. He blamed liver cancer for Allman's death.

Allman

He announced on Aug. 5 that he was "under his doctor's care at the Mayo Clinic" due to "serious health issues," and canceled his shows later that year. In March, he canceled performances for the rest of 2017.

Funeral arrangements had not been finalized Saturday. But Lehman said Allman would be buried alongside his late brother, founding Allman Brothers guitarist Duane Allman, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, where the band got its start nearly five decades ago.

"That's in his wishes," Lehman said.

Tributes to Allman poured out Saturday.

Southern rock and country musician Charlie Daniels said via Twitter, "Gregg Allman had a feeling for the blues very few ever have hard to believe that magnificent voice is stilled forever."

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Allman was raised in Florida by a single mother. Allman idolized his older brother, Duane, eventually joining a series of bands with him. Together they formed the nucleus of The Allman Brothers Band.

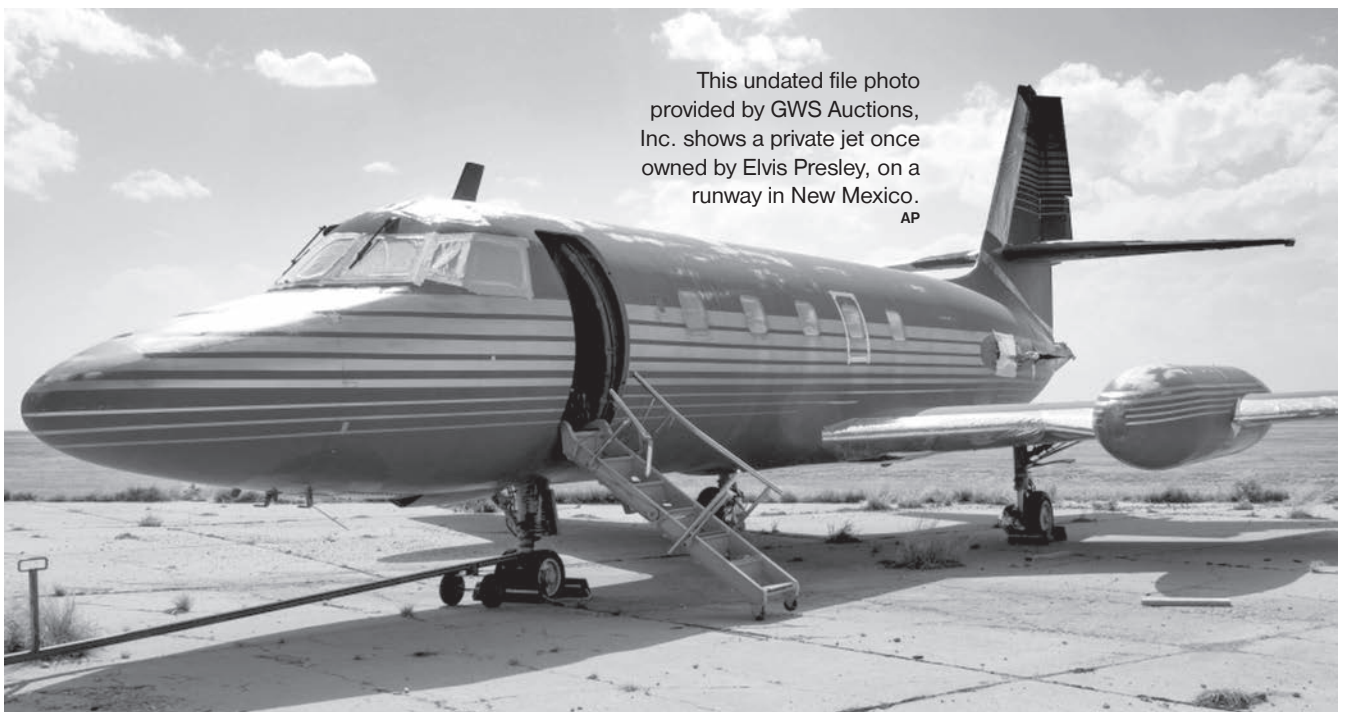
The original band featured extended jams, tight guitar harmonies by Duane Allman and Dickey Betts, rhythms from a pair of drummers and the smoky, blues-inflected voice of Gregg Allman. Songs such as "Whipping Post," ''Ramblin' Man" and "Midnight Rider" helped define what came to be known as Southern rock and opened the doors for such stars as Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Marshall Tucker Band.

In his 2012 memoir, "My Cross to Bear," Allman described how Duane was a central figure in his life in the years after their father was murdered by a man he met in a bar. Although Gregg was the first to pick up a guitar, it was Duane who excelled at it. So Gregg later switched to the organ.

They failed to crack success until they formed The Allman Brothers Band in 1969. Based in Macon, the group featured Betts, drummers Jai Johanny "Jaimoe" Johanson and Butch Trucks and bassist Berry Oakley.

Their self-titled debut album came out in 1969, but it was their live album "At Fillmore East" in 1971 that catapulted the band to stardom. Duane Allman was killed in a motorcycle accident in October 1971, just months after recording the Fillmore shows. Another motorcycle accident the following year claimed Oakley's life.

Jet owned by Elvis auctioned after sitting 35 years


This undated file photo provided by GWS Auctions, Inc. shows a private jet once owned by Elvis Presley, on a runway in New Mexico.
AP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A private jet once owned by Elvis Presley has been auctioned after sitting on a runway in New Mexico for 35 years.

The plane sold for $430,000 on Saturday at a California event featuring celebrity memorabilia, GWS Auctions Inc. said.

The buyer was not disclosed in the sold note posted on the firm's website, and auctioneer Brigitte Kruse said she could not immediately release information about the buyer or the buyer's plans for the plane.

The auction house says Elvis designed the interior that has gold-tone woodwork, red velvet seats and red shag carpet. But the red 1962 Lockheed Jetstar has no engine and needs a restoration of its cockpit.

The jet was owned by Elvis and his father, Vernon Presley, Liveauctioneers.com says.

It has been privately owned for 35 years and sitting on a tarmac in Roswell, New Mexico.

Photos of the plane show the exterior in need of restoration and seats of the cockpit torn.

A previous owner disputed the auction house's claim the king of rock 'n' roll designed its red velvet interior.

Roy McKay told KOB-TV in Albuquerque (https://goo.gl/GpE3zV) he designed the interior himself. McKay said that when he purchased the jet, it had a two-toned gray interior and "kind of looked like a casket."

But then-GWS spokesman Carl Carter told The Associated Press the auction house is confident Elvis designed the interior, which photos show has red velvet seats and red shag carpet.

Federal Aviation Administration records show no interior changes were ever made to the jet, Carter said.

Melania Trump wears $51K Dolce & Gabbana jacket in Sicily

TAORMINA, Italy (AP)—Melania Trump's first outing in the Sicilian sunshine was in a colorful floral applique jacket by Dolce & Gabbana that sells for $51,000, or several thousand dollars below the median U.S. income in 2015.

She also carried a matching clutch to lunch with spouses of the G-7 leaders, held at the historic Elephants Palace and hosted by Catania's mayor.

The burst of color in the U.S. first lady's wardrobe came after a steady dose of mostly black during President Donald Trump's inaugural overseas tour, including a prim black lace dress with a matching mantilla headcover that she wore to meet Pope Francis, and a dark jacket with golden detailing on the cuff and collar that she wore for her arrival in Italy. Both outfits were also by Milan designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana.

Gabbana has celebrated each appearance with Instagram posts. He shared three photos of the floral jacket, worn over a simple white shift dress, with Mrs. Trump looking model-perfect as she stepped out of an SUV. Gabbana tagged the photo with hearts and a "Thank You" to @flotus #melaniatrump.

AP
US First Lady Melania Trump steps out of a car as she arrives at Chierici Palace, part of a visit of the G7 first ladies in Catania, Italy, Friday, May 26, 2017.

Dolce & Gabbana have made Sicily their fashion muse, so it made sense that Trump's wife would wear their designs in Sicily, the final stop on Trump's trip.

The White House did not respond to requests for comment on how much Mrs. Trump, a former model and the wife of an independently wealthy president, paid for the jacket. The U.S. government does not provide first ladies with a wardrobe allowance.

Several fashion designers have said publicly that they will not dress the first lady because they oppose her husband's policies.

The retail price for the Dolce & Gabbana jacket comes in at about $5,500 below the median U.S. household income of $56,516 in 2015, the most recent year for which figures are available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

As the Trumps traveled through Saudia Arabia, Israel, Italy, Brussels and then back to Italy, the president left it to top aides in Washington to explain the details of his federal budget proposal for 2018. Trump has proposed a $4.1 trillion spending plan that slashes safety net programs for the poor, including food stamps and Medicaid, while spending billions more on the military and protecting retirement programs for the elderly.

The fashion choices of America's first ladies are a longstanding source of public fascination, and Mrs. Trump is getting a taste of that on the trip, her first extended period in the public eye since her husband took office in January. She lives mostly at their penthouse at Trump Tower in New York with their 11-year-old son. The president has said they will move to the White House after the school year ends.

First ladies are almost always criticized or praised for whatever they wear.

Some women-only screenings planned for 'Wonder Woman'

NEW YORK (AP)—Take a seat, "Thor."

Scattered plans among Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas to host women-only screenings of the upcoming "Wonder Woman" movie have produced both support and some grumbling about gender discrimination.

Various locations have taken to social media in response, including the operators of the Brooklyn theater promising on Twitter to funnel proceeds from women-only screenings in early June to Planned Parenthood. And by women only, they mean staff, too.

Some of the screenings were already selling out despite social media haters, many of whom are men, and several have been added.

The offer of special screenings began recently in Austin, Texas, where Alamo has held specialty screenings in the past for military veterans and others. As for "Wonder Woman," the Alamo in Brooklyn posted a statement online saying what better way to celebrate the most iconic superheroine than with "an all-female screening?"

"Apologies, gentlemen, but we're embracing our girl power and saying 'No Guys Allowed' for several special shows at the Alamo Downtown Brooklyn. And when we say 'Women (and people who identify as women)only,' we mean it. So lasso your geeky girlfriends together and grab your tickets to this celebration of one of the most enduring and inspiring characters ever created."

The movie opens June 2 based on the DC Comics character. It was directed by Patty Jenkins and stars Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman/Diana Prince.

AP

This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Gal Gadot in a scene from "Wonder Woman."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

John Travolta donates plane to Australia aviation group

LOS ANGELES (AP)—John Travolta has donated his personal vintage Boeing 707 airplane to a restoration group in Australia. He said in a statement Friday that the plane will require maintenance before for the trip from his Florida home to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society in Albion Park, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) from Sydney. The craft, which the society hopes to keep in the air, was originally in the Qantas fleet, delivered in 1964 and later converted to private use. The actor, a pilot, hopes to be on board when the plane makes it voyage to Australia. The timing of that is uncertain. Travolta said he has fond memories of the plane and is pleased it will continue to fly "well into the future."

Judge blocks construction of airstrip by actor Bruce Willis

HAILEY, Idaho (AP)—A judge has blocked actor Bruce Willis' plan to build a private airstrip in central Idaho. The Idaho Mountain Express reports that 5th District Judge Robert Elgee ruled that Camas County commissioners violated state law when drafting an ordinance allowing individuals to obtain conditional-use permits to build a private airport in agricultural-zoned county lands. Willis began construction on an 8,500-foot dirt runway last year. However, the project was halted in September after Planning and Zoning Administrator Dwight Butlin discovered that the airport site was on land zoned for agricultural use. Work was allowed to resume when the county tweaked the ordinance, which sparked a lawsuit filed by Camas County residents. Elgee said in his May 19 ruling that Camas County showed a "complete disregard" for property rights and the well-being of the neighborhood. Camas County Attorney Matt Pember said the county was disappointed with the judge's decision.

Obama offers Prince Harry condolences on attack

MANCHESTER, England (AP)— Former U.S. President Barack Obama has offered his condolences to victims of the Manchester bombing during a meeting with Prince Harry. The prince's Kensington Palace office tweeted a picture of Harry and Obama at the palace Saturday. It said the former president expressed condolences "and support for those recovering from injuries." It said the two men also discussed support for veterans, mental health, conservation, empowering young people and the work of their respective foundations. Obama visited Scotland on Friday, playing golf at the renowned Old Course at St. Andrews and attending a charity dinner in Edinburgh.

Barbra Streisand's dog dies, was her companion for 14 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Barbra Streisand is mourning the loss of her beloved dog, Sammie. The 75-year-old star announced the news on her social media accounts Saturday, saying "we cherish every moment of the 14 years we had with her." On her Instagram page, Streisand has posted numerous photos of herself doting on the fluffy white Coton de Tulear, also known as the "Royal Dog of Madagascar." Streisand is fond of the breed and has had several Coton de Tulear in the past. Streisand once told British newspaper The Independent Sammie is "like the daughter I never had."

Ben Stiller and wife Christine Taylor announce separation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ben Stiller and his wife announced Friday that they are separating after 17 years of marriage. Stiller and actress Christine Taylor released a joint statement Friday announcing their breakup. They were married in May 2000 and have two children, who they said will remain their priority. "With tremendous love and respect for each other, and the 18 years we spent together as a couple, we have made the decision to separate. Our priority will continue to be raising our children as devoted parents and the closest of friends," the actors wrote. "We kindly ask that the media respect our privacy at this time." Taylor has appeared in several of Stiller's films, including "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story," ''Tropic Thunder" and "Zoolander" and its sequel. The statement was first reported Friday by "Entertainment Tonight."

Nosy co-worker makes a stink over the office perfume policy

DEAR ABBY: My workplace, like many others, is "scent-free" because of the possibility that some employees might be chemically sensitive. We don't know of anyone with sensitivities, but it's company policy. I changed to using unscented laundry soap and stopped wearing perfume when the policy started.

The other day, a lady in my office came in and announced loudly that there was a "terrible perfume smell" in the corridor. After what I think was intrusive sniffing, she decided it was coming from me. I had showered that morning and the only things it could have been were my shampoo, hair spray or body soap. All are normal, everyday brands, not unusually perfumy ones.

There was a lot of complaining and a "reminder" of the policy. It's unlikely that HR would take this up, but am I obligated to change these products? I don't want to because this feels like it's going too far to dictate what soap I can use. I should be able to choose the basic products I put on my body.

I'm also unhappy with the "sniff police." What should I do if she does that again?

PERFUME SMELL IN ST. PAUL

DEAR P.S.: If it happens again, go to HR and have them explain the policy. I suspect that what it refers to is perfume, which some people are allergic to. However, if it's for more than that, then I agree the policy is heavy-handed and needs to be clarified so that everyone can clearly understand it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was married before for 20 years. We have been married for 30 years. We get along great, except lately he has been bringing out his jewelry from his previous marriage. The items consist of a wedding ring, watch, etc.

He doesn't hide them. He shows them off to me. When I tell him how much this hurts me, he says they will be worth something in cash someday. If I bring a piece of jewelry out that I would like him to wear, he runs and gets a piece that his ex gave him, places them side by side and compares them!

I'm so mad I have stopped speaking to him, which makes him very upset and sometimes he cries. Please give us your advice.

SILENT AND STEAMING IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SILENT AND STEAMING: Unlike you, your husband obviously isn't sentimental about jewelry. If he likes it, he likes it, and he doesn't care where it came from. This would explain why he compares the items side by side, which is insensitive.

You need to discuss this with him at a time when you're not upset. Giving someone the silent treatment is not an effective way to communicate, nor is it a healthy way to solve problems.

DEAR ABBY

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The next time your husband says that "one day that jewelry will be worth something," ask him if he means after he dies or you do—and suggest that NOW may be the time for him to sell it.

DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I would like to add my prayer of thanks for those men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace.

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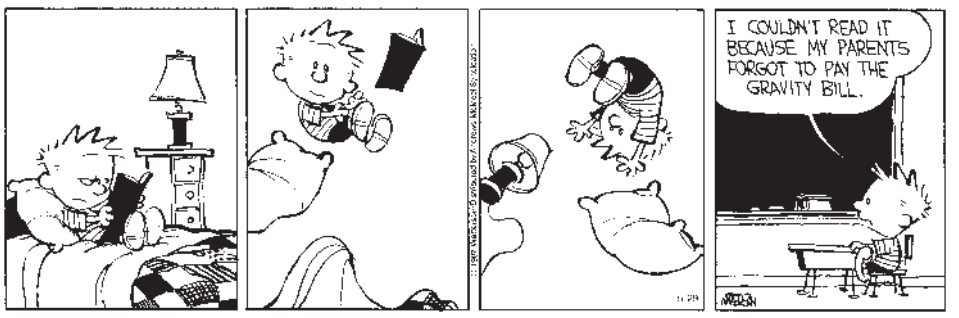

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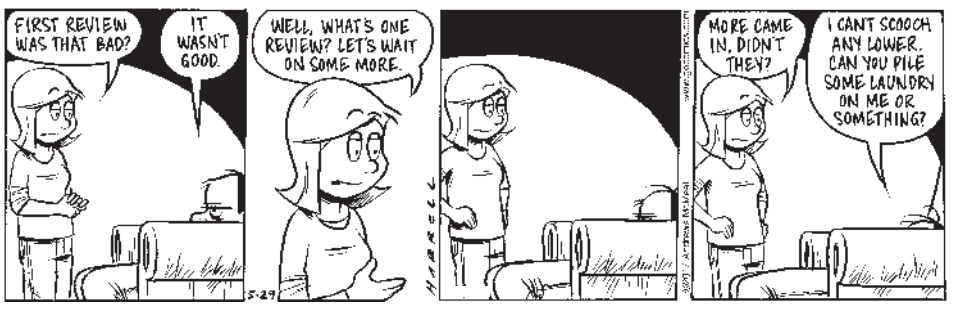
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IT WASN'T GOOD.
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MORE CAME IN, DIDN'T THEY?
I CAN'T SCOOCH ANY LOWER. CAN YOU PILE SOME LAUNDRY ON ME OR SOMETHING?
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By Glenn McCoy

SOMETIMES I WORRY I'LL LOSE MY JOB AND WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY MY RENT, OR EVEN YOU.
BUT THOSE PILLS YOU GAVE ME REALLY HELP TO KEEP ME FROM WORRYING TOO MUCH.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ONE ON YOU, BY CHANCE?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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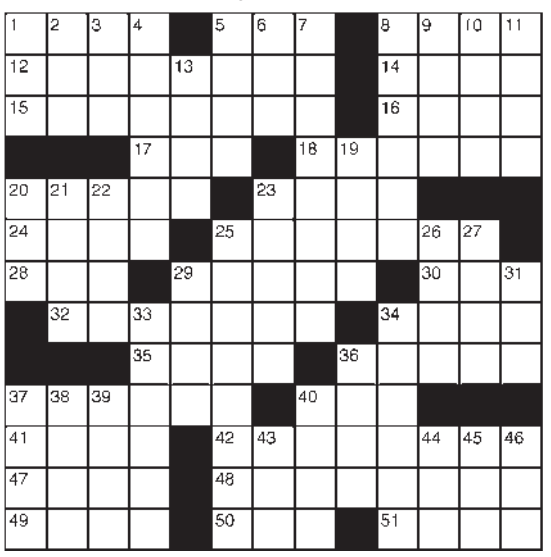

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Don't let your emotions lead to a meltdown. Channel your energy into something you enjoy doing instead of nitpicking and finding fault in everything and everyone. You'll gain respect if you offer positive suggestions. Keep the peace. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Think outside the box. It's OK to do things differently. Rigidity will be what ends up holding you back. Take a chance and explore your options. If you don't try, you'll never know what you missed. Aim high and see what happens. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't let confusion cause uncertainty. Following someone may be exciting initially, but once you get to a certain point, you will no longer be impressed by what you discover. Find out more before you get involved in someone else's business. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You have to trust in yourself and what you feel is right and in your best interest. You can't please everyone all of the time. Rest assured that you will eventually be glad that you followed your heart. 3 stars

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Explore your options before you express your feelings. Consider who you are dealing with before you make your point. Having an opinion is one thing, but being opinionated is another. Keep the peace and go about your business. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't complain. Do what is expected of you and move along to projects or pastimes that you enjoy doing more. Try not to critique what others do unless you want to be judged in return. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Use every bit of charm and graciousness you can muster and you will have everyone eating out of your hand. Business and pleasure trips will fuel any project or personal conquest you take on. Don't procrastinate; initiate change. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Pick and choose the people you associate with carefully. An emotional situation will escalate if you let someone offend you with his or her comments. Be innovative and use your wits to outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Live your dream. Don't hold back. Bring about changes that will motivate you to stop procrastinating and start doing. Follow through with your plans and do your own thing. A gift or offering from someone may have strings attached. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Rely on the past to avoid making a mistake now. Don't feel the need to follow what others do. Remain practical and concentrate on what will bring the most in return. Don't be fooled by a smooth sales pitch. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* You'll have the energy and wherewithal to bring about positive changes to your financial situation. Putting a plan in place that helps you cut back, lower your overhead or make your investments work more efficiently will make a difference. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take part in community or group events that are conducive to making new contacts. Networking will allow you to share your thoughts and get some feedback that will help you adapt your plans. Emotional creativity is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

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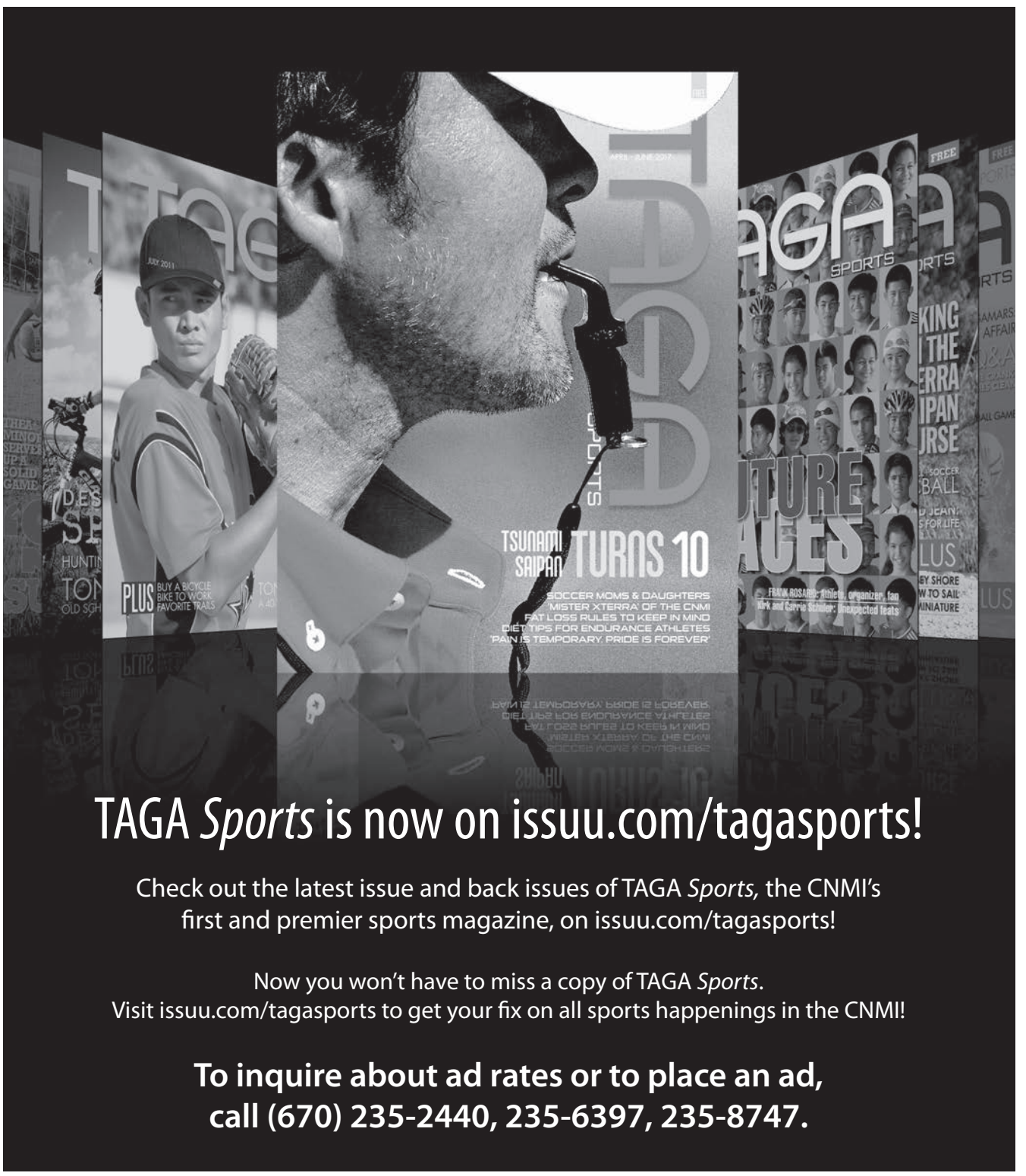
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Underdog Cavs insist they have plenty of bite for Finals

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In this June 2, 2016, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) dribbles against Golden State In this June 2, 2016, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) dribbles against Golden State.

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—Vegas is betting against them and the bookies are hardly alone.

Let's be honest, not many are giving the Cleveland Cavaliers much of a chance in the NBA Finals. They may be defending champions and they may have LeBron James, but against Golden State, they are definite underdogs.

Just don't try to tell them that.

"The whole underdog thing is funny to me, because yeah, at the end of the day we are defending our title," Cavs forward Kevin Love said following Saturday's practice. "We're trying to repeat, which is so hard to do. I think we will use it as fuel. We will use it as motivation, but the idea of playing into it? It's tough for me to say that is the case. I don't feel like we're underdogs.

"We match up well with them and I think they'd say the same about us."

Maybe, but as the teams gear up for Thursday night's series opener in Oakland, comments made by Warriors forward Draymond Green in October are reverberating around Cleveland.

Still stinging after the Warriors blew a 3-1 lead in last year's Finals against Cleveland, the vociferous Green, who was suspended from Game 5, said if given the chance again, he plans to "destroy and annihilate" the Cavs.

Love complimented Green's competitiveness and aimed a verbal volley at Northern California.

"He's a guy who said he wanted us," Love said, "and he has us - starting next Thursday."

Act III in this trilogy is overloaded with story lines, with the biggest being whether James and Co. have enough firepower to go toe-to-toe with the Warriors, who added superstar Kevin Durant to a team that won 73 games a year ago before its Finals flameout.

Golden State has glowed in this postseason, becoming the first team to start 12-0 while winning by an average of 16.3 points per game - the highest margin league history. It's no wonder then that the wise guys have installed the Warriors as heavy favorites to beat the Cavs for the second time in three years and wrestle back the Larry O'Brien Trophy that slipped through their hands last June.

James referred to the Warriors as only "that juggernaut" and "a beast" following Thursday's Game 5 in at Boston, a night in which he passed Michael Jordan as the career postseason scoring leader.

James elected not to talk about the Warriors following the game, choosing instead to celebrate a third straight conference title in Cleveland and his seventh consecutive Finals trip. James didn't speak to reporters on Saturday either, leaving Love to serve as the team's unofficial spokesman as the sports world inched closer to a matchup that seemed destined from the moment last season's Finals ended.

Love was asked if the Cavs wanted the Warriors.

"Want the Warriors?" he said. "They've been right at the top, best team in the league for three years straight now. They've been super-impressive. It's kind of in our minds that that's who we were going to see. They played great basketball this year. Obviously adding an MVP to a team that already has a two-time MVP makes them even more impressive. It's tough to say that we didn't expect it; we knew they'd be right there."

After the team returned from Boston in the wee hours Friday morning, Cavs coach Tyronn Lue didn't go to bed and immediately began working on a game plan to stifle Golden State's powerful, multi-faceted offense.

Lue knows the Cavs are facing a difficult task, one made tougher with the addition of the versatile Durant, who can score down low, from the perimeter and free-throw line.

The Warriors are using Durant the way he envisioned, but Lue has noticed changes in the All-Star.

"He's moving around a lot more," he said. "Just watching him move without the basketball, getting easy baskets off of cuts and splits and when he passes the ball he's also relocating now. He's doing a lot more movement, which makes it even tougher to guard after being one of the tougher scorers I've ever seen."

Lue said didn't deliver any inspiring speech to his players before practice.

Words don't mean much now—not his, not Green's—and neither do underdog labels.

"We're not going to use that as motivation," Lue said. "We're in the NBA Finals. That's enough motivation alone. Not worry about what it says in Vegas or what people are saying about underdogs. We're not using that as an excuse. We've got to come out and play. Our goals were set at the beginning of the season, and that's to win a championship. So, that's what we're focused on."

And remember, the Cavs have overcome long odds before.

Cavs-Warriors Part III joins past championship trilogies

By JOSH DUBOW
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It never happened between Magic Johnson's Lakers and Larry Bird's Celtics. Same for Michael Jordan and Karl Malone or Jerry West and Bill Russell.

While there have been 14 rematches in NBA Finals history, this year's meeting between LeBron James' Cleveland Cavaliers and Stephen Curry's Golden State Warriors will be the first trilogy in league history.

After the Warriors beat the Cavs for their first title in 40 years in 2015, Cleveland got revenge last season with a comeback from 3-1 down to give the city its first major championship since 1964. Now they meet for the rubber match starting June 1 in Oakland.

While this may be unprecedented in the NBA, it has happened once before in the NFL, NHL and Major League Baseball with matchups that included some of those sports' biggest stars.

There was Babe Ruth vs. Frankie Frisch in the 1920s and then a pair of memorable three-peat matchups in the 1950s featuring Otto Graham against Bobby Layne in the NFL and Gordie Howe against Maurice Richard in the NHL.

Here is a look at other major pro sports championship trilogies:

New York Yankees vs. New York Giants 1921-23

In his second season in New York, Babe Ruth led the Yankees to their first World Series berth in 1921 against the Giants. The entire series was played at the Polo Grounds, home to both teams that season. The Giants won the Series 5-3 in the final best-of-nine matchup as a banged-up Ruth got just one plate appearance during the final three games, all won by the Giants.

John McGraw's Giants won the rematch the following year 4-0 with one tie before Ruth gave the Yankees their first title the following year to cap the first season at Yankee Stadium. Ruth had three homers in the Series, including one in the decisive sixth game. The big star for the Giants that year was future Yankees manager Casey Stengel, who hit an inside-the-park homer in the ninth inning to win Game 1 and drove in the only run in Game 3 with another homer.

Cleveland Browns vs. Detroit Lions (1952-54)

These teams that have spent much of the post-merger days near the bottom of the standings were the cream of the crop in the 1950s led by star quarterback Graham and innovative coach Paul Brown in Cleveland and Lions Hall of Fame passer Layne and running back Doak Walker.

In the first championship meeting in 1952, Layne and Walker ran for TDs to give the Lions a 17-7 win and their first championship since 1935.

Detroit became the league's third repeat winner in the championship game the following season when Layne threw a 33-yard TD pass to Jim Doran with just over 2 minutes remaining for a 17-16 victory.

The Browns came out on top the following year, ending a run of three straight title game losses (they also lost to the Rams in 1951). The Lions won the regular-season finale the week before the title game and scored first on a field goal by Walker.

But it was all Browns after that with Graham throwing three TD passes and running for three more in a 56-10 win.

Montreal Canadiens vs. Detroit Red Wings (1954-56)

The first matchup of this trilogy started with one of the most memorable in 1954. In a series full of megastars like Howe, Terry Sawchuk, Ted Lindsay and Red Kelly in Detroit and Richard, Jean Beliveau, Doug Harvey and Boom Boom Geoffrion in Montreal, it was an unsung player who became the hero.

In overtime in Game 7, Red Wings forward Tony Leswick got credit for the series-clinching goal when his innocent looking shot from the point was deflected by Harvey past Gerry McNeil for a 2-1 win 4:29 into OT. There hasn't been a Game 7 overtime since in the Final.

The Red Wings won the rematch in an all home team seven-game series the following year. Howe set a record with 12 points in the round and Lindsay scored four goals in a Game 2 win. Richard missed the series because of a suspension for slashing Boston's Hal Laycoe in the head and punching linesman Cliff Thompson. Detroit didn't win another Stanley Cup for 41 years.

With Richard back, the Canadiens won the following year in five games with the Rocket getting the game-winning goal in the clincher. That was the first of a record five straight titles for the Canadiens.

Strasburg strikes out 15 as Nationals beat Padres

AP
Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the third inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres at Nationals Park, Saturday, May 27, 2017, in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)— Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon said he'd never had a day like this one.

Not many players have.

Rendon had 10 RBIs, three home runs and six hits as Washington took advantage of Noah Syndergaard's injury and mauled the New York Mets 23-5 on Sunday to set a franchise scoring record.

Rendon went a career-best 6 for 6 and scored five times while breaking the club mark for RBIs. He became the 13th player in major league history to drive in 10 or more runs in a game—the first since Garret Anderson did it for the Angels in 2007.

"I may have had three home runs in high school," Rendon said, "but never like that with the RBIs."

Matt Wieters added two homers, a single and two walks as the Nationals salvaged the finale of a three-game series between NL East rivals. Adam Lind and Bryce Harper also homered, and Harper scored four times.

Washington finished with a season-high 23 hits and scored the most runs in the history of the Expos/Nationals franchise. The Nationals' seven homers were their most since the team moved from Montreal to Washington in 2005.

Rendon began the day with no homers and five RBIs this season. After a two-run single in the first, he followed with a solo homer in the third and a three-run shot in the fourth. He ripped a three-run double off the right-center wall in the fifth and nearly had another RBI when he singled in the seventh, but teammate Daniel Murphy held up at third base.

Rendon, who raised his batting average from .226 to .278, capped his incredible day with a solo home run off Mets backup catcher Kevin Plawecki in the eighth. Harper and Lind went deep against Plawecki earlier in the inning.

"You want balance up and down your lineup and you want everyone to get in on the hit parade," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said.

It was a miserable day all-around for the Mets, who won the first two games of the series after losing six straight. They gave up 17 consecutive runs after trailing 6-5 in the fourth.

Syndergaard, the team's hard-throwing ace, left in the second inning and was on his way back to New York for an MRI on Monday morning.

"The preliminary diagnosis is possible lat strain," general manager Sandy Alderson said, "which may or may not be related to his previous complaint, which was in the biceps. So we'll just have to wait and see what happens tomorrow."

Syndergaard (1-2) allowed five runs on five hits in the first inning. In the second, he threw a strike to Harper on his 38th pitch and grimaced while reaching for his right armpit. Mets manager Terry Collins and the team trainer immediately came out, and Collins summoned reliever Sean Gilmartin.

Angels 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Mike Trout hit his major league-leading 16th homer, a first-inning drive into the left field beer garden estimated at 443 feet.

J.C. Ramirez (5-3) limited Miami to an unearned run in seven innings.

Cameron Maybin put Los Angeles ahead to stay in the third when he tripled and scored on Andrelton Simmons' groundout. Maybin also singled, stole two bases and scored three times.

Vance Worley (0-2) allowed two runs and two hits in five innings.

Red Sox 6, Mariners 0

In Boston, Brian Johnson (2-0) pitched a five-hitter, struck out eight and walked none in his first big league appearance at Fenway Park as Boston stretched its winning streak to a season-high six games. He became the first Red Sox pitcher to throw a shutout in his first Fenway start since Pedro Martinez on April 11, 1998.

Xander Bogaerts' RBI single triggered a three-run first inning and Bradley hit a two-run homer in the sixth

Rob Whalen (0-1) gave up five runs and seven hits over 5 1/3 innings in debut for Seattle, which has lost seven of eight.

Yankees 3, Athletics 2

In New York, rookie Jharel Cotton (3-5), brought up before the game, held the Yankees hitless until Matt Holliday's tiebreaking, two-run homer with two outs in the sixth. New York won with only two hits — the first time the Yankees have done that with so few at home since 1988.

Sabathia (5-2) gave up two runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings, struck out nine and walked three. He has won three straight starts for the first time since 2013.

Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge was in the right spot for a pair of key catches to boost the AL East leaders, who won with just two hits.

Blue Jays 3, Rangers 1

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer in the fifth off Yu Darvish (5-3) as Toronto matched its longest winning streak this season at five.

Shin-soo Choo homered on the first pitch of the game from Marco Estrada (4-2), who allowed four hits in six innings. Roberto Osuna threw a perfect ninth for his ninth save, completing a six-hitter.

White Sox 3, Tigers 0
Tigers 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Buck Farmer (1-0) struck out a career-high 11 and allowed three hits in 6 1/3 innings of a doubleheader nightcap, getting his first big league win after going 0-6 with a 6.84 ERA in 32 games since his debut in 2014.

Yolmer Sanchez hit a two-run triple with one out in the ninth off Justin Wilson, who struck out Todd Frazier and rookie Adam Engel.

John Hicks and Victor Martinez homered for Detroit. Derek Holland (4-4) allowed seven hits and four walks in six innings.

Tyler Danish (1-0) worked around six walks in the opener while allowing three hits over five innings for his first major league win and David Robertson finished the four-hitter for his sixth save in seven chances. Michael Fulmer (5-3) allowed nine hits in his first complete game this season.

Tim Anderson scored on a double play in the fifth and Leury Garcia hit an RBI triple in the eighth and scored on Jose Abreu's single

Twins 5, Rays 3

In Minneapolis, Brian Dozier hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off Tommy Hunter with two outs in the eighth, an inning that began when Danny Farquhar (2-2) walked Chris Gimenez.

Taylor Rogers (2-1) followed with a perfect bottom half and Brandon Kintzler got his 13th save, despite a two-out home run by Colby Rasmus.

Phillies 4, Reds 3

In Philadelphia, Tommy Joseph hit a solo homer in the fourth inning and a game-ending single in the ninth off Michael Lorenzen (3-1) as Philadelphia won for the third time in 13 games. Cesar Hernandez and Michael Saunders also homered for the Phillies.

Hector Neris (2-2) pitched a scoreless ninth. combining with Edubray Ramos, Pat Neshek and Joaquin Benoit for 3 2/3 shutout innings.

Brewers 6, Diamondbacks 1

In Milwaukee, Chase Anderson (3-1) didn't allow a hit until Nick Ahmed singled up the middle off the glove of second baseman Eric Sogard leading off the eighth.

Anderson (3-1), who then left, struck out a career-high 11 and walked three, throwing a career-high 114 pitches.

Jett Bandy hit a three-run double off Zack Greinke (6-3) in the fourth and Jesus Aguilar homered. Arizona had won its previous five games.

Royals 5, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Alex Gordon hit a tying single off Boone Logan in the sixth inning and scored on Alcides Escobar' two-run double against Nick Goody. Danny Salazar (3-5) walked Whit Merrifield starting the inning.

Jason Vargas (6-3) allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings. Kelvin Herrera worked the ninth for his second save in two days and No. 11 on the season.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 0

In Los Angeles, Chase Utley drove in three runs with a pair of two-out singles while Chris Taylor hit a two-run homer in a four-run fifth inning and Brandon McCarthy (5-1) and Ross Stripling combined on a three-hitter as Los Angeles won for the eighth time in 10 games.

McCarthy (5-1) allowed two hits in six innings, and Stripling for nine outs for his first big league save.

Chicago has been shut out in three consecutive road games. John Lackey (4-5) gave up five runs, six hits and four walks in six innings.

Astros 5, Orioles 2

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel (8-0) returned from a disabled list stint caused by a pinched nerve in his neck and became the major leagues' first eight-game winner, allowing one run and four hits in six innings with eight strikeouts. Will Harris struck out two in a perfect ninth for his second save.

George Springer hit a two-run homer for a 4-1 lead in the fourth against Wade Miley (1-3), who gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings.

Pirates 5, Mets 4

In Pittsburgh, John Jaso singled home the tying run against Addison Reed in the ninth inning and the winning run off Josh Edgin with two outs in the 10th.

Tony Watson (3-1) struck out Travis d'Arnaud to strand two runners in the 10th as the Pirates loaded the bases in the bottom half against Tyler Pill (0-1), who made his big league debut.

On manager Terry Collins' 68th birthday, the Mets blew a save for the fifth time in their last seven chances.

Cardinals 3, Rockies 0

In Denver, Adam Wainwright kept up his mastery of the Rockies by scattering three hits over seven innings while Tommy Pham hit a two-run homer as the St. Louis Cardinals beat Colorado. Wainwright (5-3) struck out six and retired the last 10 batters he faced as he moved to 10-1 with a 1.56 ERA over his career against Colorado.

Yadier Molina extended his hitting streak to 16 games with a run-scoring single in the third. Pham had the big blow in the fifth, when he lined a slider Kyle Freeland (5-3) into the left-center seats.

Giants 6, Braves 3

In San Francisco, Ty Blach (3-2) pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and gave San Francisco's struggling offense a boost with an RBI single during a three-run fourth that helped the Giants snap a four-game losing streak.

Nick Hundley homered and drove in three runs and Brandon Belt added a solo shot against Mike Foltynewicz (3-5) as the Giants' bats broke out after being held to six runs during the four-game skid.

Stadium for Rams, Chargers delayed; won't open until 2020

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first kickoff at the palatial new home of the Rams and the Chargers is scheduled to happen a year later than originally planned.

The opening of the NFL teams' $2.6 billion football stadium in Inglewood was pushed back to 2020 on Thursday because of construction delays caused by Los Angeles' uncommonly wet winter.

The delay could affect the NFL's plan to play the 2021 Super Bowl in the stadium, and it will cost the Rams as-yet uncounted millions in revenue and construction costs. Rams owner Stan Kroenke, who is financing the project, decided the delay was worth it.

"Economics were not a factor in this decision whatsoever," said Kevin Demoff, the Rams' chief operating officer. "Stan's decision on this was based on delivering a world-class stadium at the highest quality possible, and that was the only basis for this decision. If it incurred extra costs by delaying, that was fine as long as we delivered the stadium that met his vision and what this project needs to be."

The 70,000-seat stadium will be shared by the two teams that both relocated to the Los Angeles area in the previous 16 months. The massive project also includes a 300-acre entertainment district, a 6,000-seat performance arena and extensive office space and retail space.

The stadium, which is also expected to be part of the Los Angeles bid for the 2024 Olympics, was scheduled to open right before the 2019 NFL preseason after an accelerated construction schedule. The complex is now slated to open a few months before the 2020 NFL season begins.

AP

In this Nov. 17, 2016, file photo, a three-dimensional model of the new Los Angeles Rams stadium is on display during the groundbreaking for the team's new stadium and entertainment district in Inglewood, Calif.

"Obviously, it's a disappointment when you've been working on something every day and you have a setback," Demoff said "(But) our organization has always taken the long-term approach on the Los Angeles project, and this is important to get right."

The Super Bowl already has been awarded to the stadium for Feb. 7, 2021, although the NFL now would have to waive a rule that prohibits a Super Bowl being played at a stadium before it has hosted two full regular seasons. The NFL hasn't yet decided how it will react to the just-announced delay, but the Rams realize their plans to host the Los Angeles area's first Super Bowl in 28 years could be in jeopardy.

"Our focus in this process is this building should host multiple Super Bowls over many generations, and we need to make sure we deliver a building that is an exceptional, Super Bowl-quality building," Demoff said. "Our focus is more on the caliber of building than the exact year of the Super Bowl."

The delay isn't a major surprise to either team, since developers have long said they were attempting to complete the project for 2019 on a fast-forwarded schedule. The delay will allow construction to proceed at a more conventional pace.

"If getting it right means pushing back the completion date, then I think the extra year is well worth it," said A.G. Spanos, the Chargers' president of business operations. "Construction is our family business, so we understand the challenges that come with a project of this magnitude."

3 women sign up for Tagaman

Three female triathletes are among the early favorites to win the crown in this edition of the Tagaman Triathlon after defending champion Mieko Carey is not yet sure of competing this year.

Manami Iijima of Guam and Leanne Szeto and Tsang Ka Hung of Hong Kong are expected to vie for top honors when the region's longest-running multisport event fires off on June 24.

The three off-island competitors are among the early registrants for the Olympic-distance triathlon race that features a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40K bike, and 10K run.

Race begins at 6:30am starting with the swim from Kanoa Resort's beach side heading to the Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe. The bike will be from the transition to Banzai Cliff and back to Susupe where they would take on the run course along the Beach Road Pathway from the pavilion to Garapan basketball court and back.

Registration fees are as follows from May 10 to June 15 $150 for solo and $290 for team, while from June 16 to 19 $180 for solo and $300 for team. Registration ends on June 20.

Prizes are $1,000 for the men's and women's divisions champions, and $700 and $500 each for the runners-up and third place finishers in both categories. Age group and relay winners will also receive awards.

This is the third triathlon event to be hosted by on Saipan after the successful staging of the inaugural Ironman 70.3 and 16th XTERRA Saipan last March. ***(PR)***

FALCONS

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The Falcons went on to keep the precarious lead as Dickinson took over the mound from Kintaro, starting in the fifth inning. The Senior League rookie got back-to-back strikeouts for a good start and the Enforcers were forced to a quick 1-2-3 at the top of the fifth as Kavika Fernandez flied out to centerfield.

The Falcons avoided a 1-2-3 at the bottom of the fifth inning, but were done after only four batters, as Camacho fanned Tindin Deleon Guerrero, leaving Ace Evangelista stranded at third. The Enforcers got the first two outs when Camacho threw to first baseman Larson Sibetang and Jode Reyes caught a fly from Dickenson.

With the Enforcers denying the Falcons from scoring in the fifth inning, the 2015 division champions remained in contention with two frames to go. However, after leadoff batter Leo Salalila singled, he was later beaten to third, while Dickenson struck out the next two Enforcers batters to move the Falcons closer to the title win.

The Falcons had a chance to put more pressure on the Enforcers at the bottom of the sixth inning when Kintaro reached third based with two outs. However, he was stuck there when Cabrera's fly was caught by Shakobe Rangamar.

With the Falcons failing to score, the Enforcers had one final chance to tie the game or even take the lead at the top of the seventh inning. However, Dickinson's strikeout on leadoff batter Jose Camacho seemed to be a bad sign for the Enforcers. Pedro Maratita was next at bat and advanced to second off a fielding error from Falcons second baseman Kobe Lifoifoi. The Falcons then recovered from that error in the ensuing play when Evangelista caught Reyes' fly to left field.

With two outs, the pressure mounted for the Enforcers and batter Brandon Delos Reyes was put in the spotlight. Dickinson's first two pitches caught Delos Reyes looking, moving the Falcons one strike away from clinching the crown. However, Delos Reyes got a breather when Dickinson's next hurl was way low. For his fourth pitch, Dickinson was on target, while Delos Reyes swung and missed, giving the Falcons the back-to-back championships.

The Falcons began the title game by scoring two runs at the bottom of the first inning off Dickinson's RBI single and a run from the Enforcers' error at shortstop. The Falcons then countered with two runs and knotted the count at the top of the second inning from Reyes' RBI single and Camacho's run off Kintaro's wild pitch.

Kintaro made up for his booboo at the bottom of the second as he reached home off the Enforcers' miscue at third base, while the eventual runners-up forced the last deadlock at the top of the third when Dennis Cabrera stole home.

KIM

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12, and avoided a monumental collapse when he also birdied the No. 18.

"He (Brett) was up when I went for my last shot and I badly needed a birdie to tie him. Fortunately, I got it. I think being familiar with the course helped me, especially in the playoff hole," said Kim, who was born on Saipan and had the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort as his playground during his junior golfer years.

"This was my home course before I moved to Korea to play in pro tournaments. I am comfortable with the course and I think that made the difference," said Kim, who registered a two-day total of 3-under par 141 to force the playoff against Salas. Kim shot a 2-over par 74 in yesterday's second round against Salas' 3-under par 69.

Kim played at TOC for the first time in a decade and used the tournament as part of his winter training here.

"I remember playing at TOC 10 years ago. I was in the C Flight then and did not do well. It's nice to join TOC again and win," said the 26-year-old Kim.

Meanwhile, joining Kim and Salas in the Top 5 of the Championship Flight were Harry Nakamura (155), Feng Chun Jin (159), and junior golfer Dong Young Lee (159).

Results of the other flights will be reported later this week.

'THE CRANK'

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time, the latter tried going for a rear-naked choke against the home crowd bet. But Camacho was able to maneuver himself out of Park's hold and then employed the anaconda choke (the winning fighter threads his or her arm under the opponent's neck and through the armpit, and grasps the biceps of the opposing arm), forcing the Korean to tap out.

A bloodied Camacho roared after the victory, while referee Cuki Alvarez checked on Park, who was still down and also covered with blood. The two fighters later hugged each other and received a loud cheer from the crowd for putting up a good show.

Right at the opening bell of their five-round bout, Camacho and Park were at it, opting for a standup fight. The 6'1" Korean used his height and reach advantage over Camacho to connect several punches and kicks and a couple of knees. The 5'9" Camacho, on the other hand, capitalized on his quickness to land solid combinations on Park and also hit his foe with so much body shots that the former cornered the Korean.

When the buzzer sounded, signaling the end of the eventful first round, both fighters had blood on their faces and appeared to be gassed out because of their continued exchanges. However, after the brief break, Camacho and Park picked up where they left off as they kept trading punches for a minute and change in Round 2 before heading down to the canvas where the former used his much improved grappling skills to survive his Korean foe.

With the victory, Camacho improved his record to 20-1 and went 3-1 against Koreans. Camacho defeated Hyun Joo Kim in ROP 20: Conquer in August last year and Jae Woong Kim in Trench Warz 18: Rock and Rumble in 2014, while his lone loss came at the hands of Han Seul Kim during the Pacific Xtreme Combat 50 in July 2016.

Park absorbed only his second loss in five fights and first after winning his two previous fights in Korea.

Meanwhile, the results of other bouts in ROP 21 will be reported later this week.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	18	.609	—
Boston	27	21	.563	2
Baltimore	25	22	.532	3½
Tampa Bay	26	26	.500	5
Toronto	23	26	.469	6½

Central Division

Minnesota	26	19	.578	—
Cleveland	24	23	.511	3
Detroit	23	26	.469	5
Chicago	22	26	.458	5½
Kansas City	21	27	.438	6½

West Division

Houston	34	16	.680	—
Los Angeles	26	26	.500	9
Texas	24	26	.480	10
Oakland	22	26	.458	11
Seattle	21	29	.420	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	30	18	.625	—
Atlanta	21	26	.447	8½
New York	20	27	.426	9½
Philadelphia	17	30	.362	12½
Miami	17	30	.362	12½

Central Division

Milwaukee	26	23	.531	—
St. Louis	24	22	.522	½
Chicago	25	23	.521	½
Cincinnati	23	25	.479	2½
Pittsburgh	23	27	.460	3½

West Division

Colorado	32	19	.627	—
Arizona	31	20	.608	1
Los Angeles	30	20	.600	1½
San Francisco	21	30	.412	11
San Diego	18	33	.353	14

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Tsunami Saipan at 2017 Guam Swimming Championships

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Aika Watanabe, left, is joined in the podium by Tsunami Guam's Mikel Roxanne, center, and Saipan Swim Club's Jinju Thompson during the awards ceremony for the girls 13 to 14 age group competition in the 2017 Guam Swimming Championships held last May 19 and 20 at the Hagatna Pool. Watanabe tied Mikel for first place.

Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol, right, is all smiles after receiving her first place medal in the girls 9 to 10 division.

Maria Batallones swims in the 50m butterfly event.

Tsunami Saipan's Juhn Tenorio, center, and Isaiah Aleksenko, right, make it to the podium along with Saipan Swim Club' Jinnosuke Suzuki.

Shoko Litulumar smiles after getting her second place award in the girls 9 to 10 age group.

Nelson Batallones competes in the 100m breaststroke race.

Kouki Watanabe, right, joins the other podium finishers in the boys 9 to 10 division.

Runner-up Nanaka Watanabe, left, poses with girls 11 to 12 champion Risa Hendrix of Tsunami Guam.

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Kim wins Championship Flight in playoff

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Ryan Kim eyes his target, the playoff hole of No. 17 on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort during yesterday's second and final round of the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions.

Ryan Kim had a triumphant return at the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions as he ruled the Championship Flight via playoff against Guam junior golfer Brett Salas.

Kim birdied the par-4, 373-yard No. 17 to edge Salas, who just saved par in the deciding hole on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort yesterday.

"I had a perfect drive and very good second shot—about 85 yards away from the pin. Then I hit the 2-foot birdie," said Kim, who used his 56-degree wedge for the second shot.

Salas, on the other hand, was about 4 to 5 feet away from the cup on his second shot and missed the birdie putt to settle for the runner-up honors.

However, the 16-year-old Salas put up a gallant fight, as he nearly stole the thunder from Kim, who led in the first round after firing a 5-under par 67 last Saturday on the west course of the Kagman facility. The Guam junior golfer was five shots behind Kim with his even par 72.

Salas went on to threaten Kim yesterday, moving within two after the first nine holes with his even par 36 against the latter's 3-over par 39. Salas kept going in the next stage and even took a one-shot lead over Kim, as the former birdied No. 11, No. 5, No. 15, and the last hole—the par 5, 545-yard No. 18. Salas saved par on No. 10, No. 12, 16, and No. 17 and could have won the flight outright if not for a bogey on the par-4, 377-yard No. 13.

Kim, on the other hand, had a par on the No. 13 and did the same in the No. 14 to 17, No. 10, and No.

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'The Crank' survives bloody brawl

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The main event in the Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown did not disappoint as Frank "The Crank" Camacho and Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park engaged in a bloody brawl won by the Marianas pride.

Camacho and Park had a give-and-take exchange the majority of the five-minute first round before the two fighters went to grapple midway in Round 2 with the former using the anaconda choke to put an end to the thrilling duel last Friday night at the parking lot of the Marianas Business Plaza.

The 28-year-old got the win via tapout at the 2:52 mark of the second round despite having the disadvantage in position twice. The Korean, after a brief exchange with Camacho, used his much longer reach to catch the latter and bring him down. Park then managed to gain the top position and peppered Camacho with shots on the body and head.

Camacho was able to survive Park's flurry of punches and got out of trouble. However, the Korean again held on to Camacho and this

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, celebrates after beating Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park during the second round of their main event bout in Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown held last Friday at the Marianas Business Plaza.

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The Falcons' Spencer Dickinson gets ready to pitch to the Enforcers during the top of the sixth inning of their title game in the Senior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Falcons defend Senior League title

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The Falcons kept the Senior League crown following a 4-3 victory over the Enforcers in their title match in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons shut down the Enforcers in the last four innings of the finale behind the one-hitter of closer Spencer Dickenson, while starting pitcher Jester Kintaro scored the go-ahead run to gain their back-to-back division championships. The Falcons, who are also the 2017 season's pennant winner, won last year's title after downing the Comets, 3-0.

Kintaro made the run that gave the Falcons the shaky lead at the bottom of the fourth inning. He was the third batter on the Falcons' top of the lineup and walked and stole second base before moving to third off a wild pitch with one out and runners on first and second. With the bases loaded, Noel Cabrera was next at bat and was hit a by a pitch from Tyrese Camacho, allowing Kintaro to walk home and break the 3-all deadlock.

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